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Michigan Bike Festival brings all kinds of riders to Grayling

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

There is more than one way to ride. During Labor Day weekend's Michigan Bike Festival, cyclists rode on mountain bikes, on road bikes, during night rides, during day rides, on the ground and even 10 feet in the air.

"This is our third year back with enthusiasm," said event staff member Bob Smith.

The four day festival took place at Hanson Hills and featured a huge variety of unique cycling events, including organized rides on both roads and trails. Rather than focusing heavily on competition, the event was a showcase for Michigan biking culture.

"We burnt two bikes so far," said Smith.

Smith doesn't mean accidentally. He means they took two bikes and threw them in a fire.

After shredding the trails and toasting bikes, attendees relaxed (or partied) with a different headlining musical act each night.

The Jelly Rolls Blues band delivered a classic blues sound, Twisted Finster appealed hard rock fans and Who Hit John topped off the weekend with some Michigan blue grass music.

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Photo by Matt Seager

James "Uncle Jimmi" Lee does a backflip on a makeshift BMX course set up in the Hanson Hills parking lot last Sunday. Demonstrations from Lee were part of the annual Michigan Bike Festival, an all weekend event that brought riders of all kinds together in Grayling.

Grayling will replace two police officers

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are now on patrol to replace two veteran police officers who have served the community.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular monthly meeting last week, approved the resignation of Grayling City Police Department Officer Karl Devries. Devries has worked 24 years serving the community. His retirement becomes effective on Nov. 27.

Devries will continue being involved with the local law enforcement, running the snowmobile patrol for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said the city will advertise to replace Devries with a full-time officer.

The city council also approved a pension agreement for Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner.

Schreiner is retiring on Sept. 12, after serving 31 years with the department.

Schreiner was appointed to serve as the police chief in 2000, following the retirement of the late Police Chief Peter Stephan, who served as a city police officer for 42 years and as chief for 27 years.

Thayer said that when Schreiner assumed the role of police chief, he switched to a

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Grayling resident makes heartfelt connection to organ donor's family

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

What is a heart? A doctor might say that it is an organ necessary for life. An artist might suggest that it is a symbol of love. For Grayling resident Lloyd Crawford, it's probably a lot of both.

In his case, a vital heart transplant did more than save his life. It connected him to a family that was able to find in him a piece of their beloved father and husband.

"I was two feet in the grave. It was just a matter of time," said Crawford of his condition just prior to receiving a heart transplant on Jan. 7, 2001.

Prior to the surgery, Crawford had a long history of heart trouble. He had a massive coronary in '86, followed by major surgeries in '87 and '95. These measures only managed to delay the failure of his heart.

After suffering another major episode in 2000, Crawford faced a hard truth: he was not going to survive without a heart transplant.

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Nicole Justice (formerly Nicole Schaaf) places her hand on her father's heart while dancing with Grayling resident Lloyd Crawford at her wedding. Crawford received the heart of Nicole's father, Karl Schaaf, after he died in an automobile accident. "It's just overwhelming that I've got this opportunity, but I would trade (Karl Schaaf) places in a minute," said Crawford.

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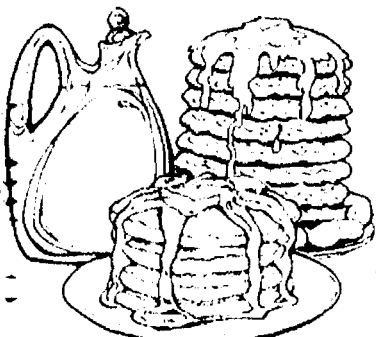
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Check out the junque in that trunk



Last Saturday, the Grayling Promotional Association hosted its annual "Junque in the Trunk" sale in front of the Grayling Mini Mall. The sale afforded people to sell whatever they wanted out of the backs of their vehicles. "We have a good time and meet a lot of nice people," said Crawford County resident Joyce Cecil.

Mercy Hospice hires new director

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Don Meierant knows health-care. He is a highly trained specialist who has been in the business since 1993. Nonetheless, he brings more than just knowledge to his new position as director of Mercy Hospice.

He brings a passion for the unique hospice needs of a small, outdoors oriented community like Grayling.

Meierant has been working at the Grayling position since June. When asked how he was adjusting to Northern Michigan living, he described his former community of Winona, Minn. It is a tourist friendly small town known for its state parks, hunt-

ing, fishing, canoeing and winter sports.

He smiled and said, "tell me if this sounds familiar."

For Crawford County residents who need hospice care, particularly home care, the new Mercy Hospice director should be well prepared to address unique needs.

"I enjoy the challenges that come with rural healthcare," said Meierant.

He spoke about the concept of "aging in place," a healthcare policy that has been growing both in recognition and importance.

"People are living longer and they want to live in place, in their

home, as long as they possibly can," said Meierant.

He said that in past generations, the aging population often worried that they would not live long enough to enjoy their retirement years. Now, males and females both are expected to live long past retirement age.

"Today, the new worry for baby boomers and the upcoming population is, 'will I outlive my money?'" said Meierant.

"Meierant" says he "hopes" to effectively address these concerns in a way that makes sense for a community like Grayling. He feels that a big part of the answer is to help educate the aging population. He plans to

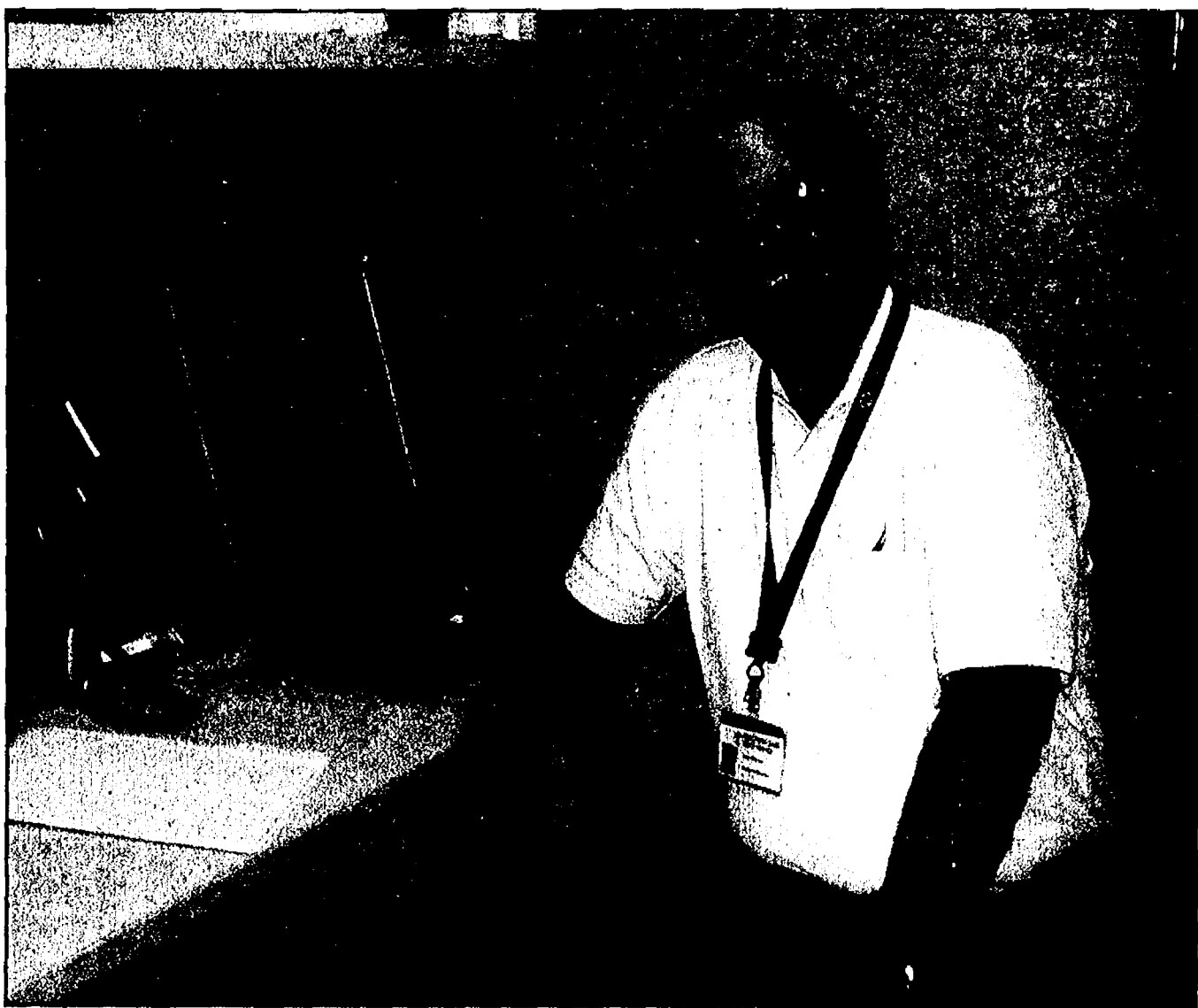
host seminars that address many of these concerns.

He also emphasized the importance of various community agencies working together in order to provide the best possible care.

"It's going to be a joint project of all the resources working together ... and making sure you don't waste resources in duplication of efforts," said Meierant.

He also emphasized that good hospice care has to go beyond the medical.

"What they're also looking for is a quality experience in human interaction," said Meierant. "Medicine is part technical skill and it's part trust."



Don Meierant says that he sought the Mercy Hospice position because he likes the small town atmosphere and because he finds the founding ideals of Mercy Hospital appealing. "I had previously worked for a faith based health system in the United States and I was looking for another good faith based system," said Meierant.

MDOT employs new road construction techniques

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

More than a few Crawford County residents found themselves baffled by the recent construction on M-72 running from the Old Dam Road intersection to the Kalkaska County line.

In what appeared to be a non-sensical move, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) patched the road and then proceeded to make it an even rougher drive than ever, covering it in loose gravel.

Closer investigation reveals that MDOT workers knew exactly what they were doing.

"What happened out there was

per plan," said MDOT delivery engineer Bill Wahl.

He explained that the unusual road repairs were part of a three phase project.

"The first step that happened was we went through and put a crack sealing treatment over the road," said Wahl.

This treatment is what some people mistook for the finished repair. This is not surprising, since MDOT left the road in this state for a length of time.

"Whenever we do that we like to give it a week or two to set before we continue with the project," said Wahl.

Following this phase, MDOT

covered the road with what appeared to be loose gravel, much to the confusion of many local drivers.

Wahl explained that this "gravel" is actually a fiber reinforced bituminous membrane.

"It's an emerging technology that we're using," said Wahl. "It provides extra strength."

The membrane remained loose for a period of a few days.

"After we completed that step, we placed a final paved surface," said Wahl.

The project was completed on Aug. 29.

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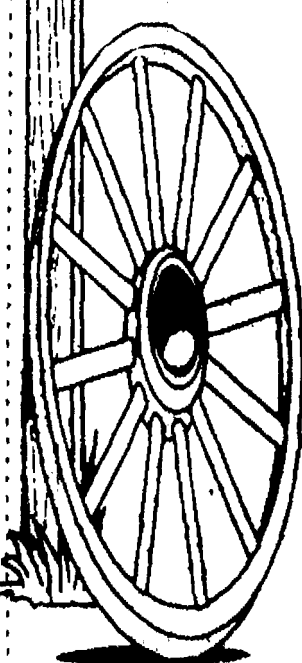
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Back to school gang celebrates summer's end



The back to school gang celebrated their last day of summer at Hartwick Pines on Labor Day. The group has been meeting the day before school starts each year since they were in first grade. This year they will be freshmen at Grayling High School. Pictured above (L to R) are: front row, Kaitlin Adamski, Hillary Fenton; middle row, Andrea Malm, Darcy Greer, Chloe Harwood, Kara Malm; and back row, Joe Latusek, Thomas Burrell, Jared Carlisle, Camren Wilson, Trevor DeWitt, Jeff Brunell, David Bergan and Zane Tobin.

Prisoner receives additional time for making allegations

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A prisoner at Camp Lehman recently had additional time added to his sentence for making false allegations against a corrections officer.

Lionel Anthony Hines, 40, was sentenced to 23 months to four years of additional prison time in Crawford County Circuit Court for making false accusations against a corrections officer at the facility.

Hines accused Officer Lisa Hanna of felonious actions that, if true, would have ended her career and led to prison time.

Officer Hanna, however, fought back, taking a lie detector test, and after a thorough investigation by the Michigan State Police, was exonerated of all charges.

Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard, from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, conducted the investigation and turned the matter over to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss.

Huss pursued charges against Hines for making the allegations.

Hines pleaded no-contest to making false accusations of a felony.

46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen, recognizing that Hanna could have lost her livelihood, refused the inmate's original plea of one year and one day.

Hines was serving a nine month to 20 year prison sentence for a 1999 Wayne County car jacking case, when he made the accusations in the Crawford County prison.

Due to the new offense, Hines was transferred to Michigan Reformatory, a prison in Ionia with a higher level of security.

"Corrections officers everywhere won with this decision," said Michigan Corrections Organization President Tom Tylutki, who represents more than 9,000 corrections and forensic officers around the state. "This type of thing happens regularly, and to my knowledge, this is the first time that a prisoner has been held accountable for this type of an attack on a corrections officer."

Hearing set for input on city ordinances

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City residents will have the opportunity to comment on an update of the ordinances, used to regulate the community, later this month.

A public hearing on the new ordinances will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Grayling City Hall.

For the last 15 months, city officials have been working on a codification of all city ordinances. In law, codification is the process of collecting and restating the law of a jurisdiction in certain areas, usually by subject, forming a legal code.

The ordinances were reviewed by city officials and a law firm to ensure that they comply with all state regulations and current case laws.

Grayling City Manager David

Thayer said the ordinances will be kept in an indexed book that will be more user friendly to city residents and the officials enforcing the ordinances.

"It's very clear and concise and there is no conflicting language," Thayer said.

Thayer said that this was the first complete update of the city's ordinance since the City of Grayling was incorporated in 1935.

"To most people, it's just a lot of paperwork, but this was a big undertaking and a big to do for the community," Thayer said.

The ordinances will go into effect 10 days after being approved by the Grayling City Council, which had two months to tweak the language of the regulations after receiving a draft of the ordinances.

Grayling will replace two police officers

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non-union pension for administrators that allows him to retire at age 60. If Schreiner, 57, would have stayed with his previous pension plan, he could have retired at age 55.

The council approved a pension agreement that opens up an early retirement window for

Schreiner.

Thayer said he will conduct a search for a new police chief who has a great deal of experience as an administrator and as a patrolman.

"I'm looking for a police chief who is going to be a good fit for the community," Thayer said.

Food services contract, property sale approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board has approved a contract for the management of its breakfast and lunch program, while still taking a bite out of the district's overall budget.

The school board, at its regular monthly meeting in August, approved a contract to have Education and Training Connection provide food service consulting for the school district.

The Midland-based company will pay Janet Gaffke, the district's former nutrition and food service director who retired from her position with the district in May, for the consulting. Gaffke worked for the school district for 14 years and has an overall 25 years serving in the education system.

Education and Training Connection provides administrative services for the School Nutrition of Michigan. Gaffke has previously been involved with the School Nutrition Association of Michigan as a volunteer.

Gaffke, who is a registered dietitian, will still do the menu planning for the district's food services program. She will also work hand-in-hand with other food service employees in the district, teaching them aspects of the program she could not devote much time to as an administrator. Gaffke will also work with Crawford AuSable School Business Manager Michael Duncel on the budgeting of the program.

"Hopefully, I can coach the other employees to have a broader knowledge of the field," Gaffke said.

The contract with Education and Training Connection is for up to \$18,900 for the school year for a maximum of 45 days of consulting once a week.

Gaffke said she looks forward

to still having contact with the students, food service employees and other school staff.

"To be able to retire and to work some, I look forward to being in the consultant role," she said.

As a consultant, Gaffke is also doing an assessment and will make recommendations on the food services program for Bay City Public Schools. She is also working with the Michigan Department of Transportation on its Team Nutrition Grant, providing training and education to food service employees in several other school districts.

The district plans to go without a nutrition and food service director for the school year, due to budget constraints, and will be reassigning the duties to existing employees.

Powers said the contract for Gaffke's services is a transition to get food service employees and other school staff trained, which will result in a \$75,000 savings for the district.

"We are just trying to save dollars for operations and are continually trying to focus dollars into the classroom," Powers said.

In other action, the school board approved the \$15,200 sale of property which the district owned in the Sherwood Forest subdivision.

The lot was sold to Melissa and Todd Hull. The district put three lots in the subdivision on the market, but opted not to sell the other lots because they are not suitable to build homes.

The lots were held by the school district since its high school building and trades classroom used to build homes in the community. The lots were put on the market to downsize the property the district holds and because the building and trades program no longer practices the home construction program.

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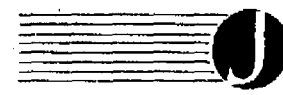
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Brace yourself for another tough winter ahead

MICHIGANIANS and much of the country should prepare for another tough weather year ahead, according to the Farmers' Almanac annual forecast.

That's the same source which a year ago predicted the Great Lakes region would take a winter pounding. We sure did.

Weather forecasting is an iffy business at best, but I'd say much safer than political forecasting. The Farmers' Almanac claims an overall 80 to 85 percent accuracy rate year after year.

How does it do it? The magazine claims it relies on a composite but "reclusive prognosticator" called Caleb Weatherbee who uses a variety of signals encompassed in "a secret formula based on sunspots, the position of the planets and the tidal action of the moon."

Wow! Who can argue with a

system like that?

The magazine also claims some readers have indicated via e-mails they also see a rough winter ahead based on such omens as an abundance of acorns on the ground, or the frequency of fog in August.

I was always partial to the woolly caterpillar to forecast weather, but now I plan to look for a density of acorns and August fog. It's too late this year for the August fog watch, but I don't remember anything unusual about misty mornings last month.

THE FARMERS' Almanac sees below-average temperatures for two-thirds of the country, with above normal snowfall for the Great Lakes and Midwest, especially during January and February.

The Far West and Southeast will have near-normal temperatures, and the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will have an unusually wet or snowy February.

The Southwest is headed for above normal precipitation in December, with the same for the Southeast in January and February, followed by hot weather in June and July.

These Almanac forecasts generally don't jibe with those of the National Weather Service (NWS), which bases its forecasts on trends that call for warmer than normal temperatures over much of the country, including Alaska, for the winter months.

While the Almanac weather forecasts are formulated about two years in advance, the National Weather Service has pointed out it's nearly impossible to come up with accurate fore-

casts more than a year ahead of time.

These two agencies usually are at odds in their forecasts, with the NWS sticking to short-range predictions based on recent trends, and the Farmers' Almanac looking two years ahead and depending on sun spots, planet positions and ocean tides.

A YEAR AGO, the Almanac predicted plenty of snow across the Northeast, temperatures as much as three degrees below normal along the Atlantic, and four major frosts as far south as Florida.

It also said "the Great Lakes region will also take a pounding." As I recall, it snowed in Michigan about Thanksgiving, was colder than we liked it, and all the snow finally melted sometime after Easter. I would call

that "a pounding."

The 2008 Almanac predictions pretty much missed this year's widespread flooding, but included cool, wet spring in many places, active tornado and hurricane seasons, warmer than normal summers in some places. All came to pass, but that's like predicting snow in Colorado, hurricanes in Florida and the Caribbean, and tornadoes in the Plains States. They happen every year.

But maybe there is something to Caleb Weatherbee and other cloistered weather prognosticators. We all like to know what's going to happen weather-wise.

THE FARMERS' Almanac, whose weather forecasts are cited here, is 192 years old and is based in Lewiston, Me. It's frequently confused with

The Old Farmer's Almanac, which started in business 26 years earlier and is based in New Hampshire.

Language lovers easily will notice the difference.

One Almanac refers to multiple farmers, more as a class. The other Almanac refers to a single farmer, specifically a farmer who's been around a few years.

It all depends on the apostrophe.

The similarity is that both of these Almanacs spell their name differently than this column - which started existence about 40 years ago as Poor Richard's Almanack (and with no apology to Benjamin Franklin either).

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cancellation of fight was a big mistake by the superintendent

To the editor:

Concerning the article about the superintendent KO'ing the fights at the Grayling Middle School, I really think that this was a big mistake on the superintendent's part.

Five of us went to Treetops in Gaylord a few months back. What a good time all of us had at the fights and that place was packed. There was standing room only and I saw a lot of people from Grayling there.

What I am trying to get at is, the fight here in Grayling would have brought in a lot of people and they all would have spent money. I believe that they had 20 fighters signed up to come and fight. Each fighter had five or six people with them. Most of them would have been staying here in Grayling, maybe at a motel or hotel, and they would have been spending money.

This is something Grayling could have two or three times a year to bring people to this town. I believe that this is one of the fastest growing sports that I have seen. They have had fights in Kalkaska, Houghton Lake and Gaylord. Somehow people were able to tolerate the fights and I am sure that each one of the towns had a lot of people that were interested in seeing them.

After all, you don't have to go if you don't want to and just like when you vote, you make up your own mind.

Dave Shepherd is my grandson and I am very proud of him. I know how hard he worked to promote the fight which was scheduled for Aug. 23.

I know there were a lot of people that were going to this fight. I personally think the superintendent should have known that the fight had been approved to be held at the middle school. For over two months they let them advertise it. Are they going to replace the money that was spent to advertise it?

I used to drive a school bus for the Crawford AuSable School District. I took a lot of football players to games throughout northern Michigan and I also took a lot of wrestlers around the state. I saw a lot of kids get hurt playing in those sports, but I don't see anyone quick playing them.

The person who rented out the middle school to start with should get together with the superintendent so they can get on the same page.

Once again Grayling misses out on what could have been.

Lloyd Crawford
Grayling

COA board is still in the process of letting due process work

To the editor:

I want to thank all of you who signed the petition against making the fish hatchery the new senior center.

The Commission on Aging Board is still in the process of letting due process work. They have removed the Ben Franklin store off the table. New board member, Helen Nolan, made a motion to remove Shoppenagon's Hotel off the table also. Howard Taylor made a motion to table the hotel until the Sept. 28 board meeting. The June decision has come and gone.

The board is also considering the property by the township at North Down River Road and Roberts Road. This property is across from the fish hatchery. Also, the property down Madsen Street. This is still a problem for the seniors to accept. Gas prices and a shopping area are still a concern. The Eagles building is still the best place for the senior's new center.

I attended the county commissioners meeting on Aug. 20. I suggested to chairman Stephenson to let the taxpayers vote on this issue, to put it on the ballot. People that I have talked to feel that the senior community

should be allowed to decide where they want their center. Evidently, the county commissioners feel there is only a small group who want the Eagles.

We are asking the taxpayers to let their commissioners know that they back their senior population in choosing the site that they want, not the COA board or the county commissioners. The seniors should have the right to make that decision because they are the ones who will be using the facility.

When you get up to around the age of 70 and over, your energy fades. That is why they want shopping so they don't have to travel across town and tire themselves out. They can do it all in one trip.

The property on North Down River Road would be better used for assisted living since it is right near the hospital.

When the new center is chosen, get ready for a millage increase. Stand up for your right. Some of these people who have a title think that they have the right to tell us what is best for us. They forgot who gave them that right.

Vivian Powers
Grayling

Let's make an attempt to show our support for our country

To the editor:

I moved to Crawford County to a home on County Road 612, near the Manistee River, 40 years ago.

I've always been proud to see our National Guard and Reserve troops, whether they live here or whether they were just here for training.

My wife and I often go up to them and tell them that we support them and we thank them for protecting our country. Most seem surprised and thank us for our comments. I am a veteran who, by the grace of God, saw no action and proudly served my active and reserve time as many of them are doing.

I fly my flag, my MIA/POW, Army and Marine flags, changing them on and off. I am looking for a Navy flag, but have not

found one yet. I was in the Army during the Korean conflict, but was sent to Panama instead.

My own thought is why doesn't Grayling have more flags, are we not a military town? I think we are and there should be more support of flags and yellow ribbons etc., all over the county and the city. Let's all make an attempt to show our support and pride for our troops. My thanks to the American Legion and those of you who already put up your flags.

Tom Campeau
(The Fire Sign Guy)

P.S. I've just heard a rumor that there may be a group of people trying to do what I am writing about. If so, let's give them our support and a pat on the back.

What's going wrong in Grayling?

To the editor:

First, we had the folly of pursuing a pittance of city tax revenue, consequently screwing up a good thing that the city and taxpayers had going with the local prison camp. They kept the city sidewalks clean of snow and ice through the winter and they mowed, raked and otherwise kept the cemetery looking good in the spring, summer and fall.

Now, the snow filled sidewalks invite kids to walk in the streets. High snowbanks and poor visibility are a certain recipe for disaster. Not if, but when.

Our Department of Public Works now gets paid to take care of our cemetery. A simple apology and "backing off" could have corrected this thick headed misuse, but no, not our city manager.

Later, we had a "cleaning house" of sorts at Elmwood Cemetery where, unannounced, mementos of loved ones from many years ago and tender remembrances were collected and discarded. Thoughtlessness.

And how about our traffic and parking nightmare? Pretty it is, also idiotic. Any smattering of intellect needs a left turn lane and a through lane. Enough, admit you were wrong. Rip out what you must. Correct it.

We have a fine fire department that now takes good care of both the city and the township, but there seems to be a power struggle in progress and that can only cost the taxpayers money. Nobody seems to get it.

Also, if our city leaders have any say in the MDOT restructuring next summer, they had better say it fast. MDOT's idea of choking four moving lanes down to two on the business loop is as stupid as what we did to Michigan Avenue.

And, why doesn't MDOT direct traffic off US-127 onto Military Road for those going to M-72 West, bypassing the downtown snarl? Also vice versa, coming from Traverse City. Each year is going to have more flow than the last, so give us any and all options.

Now hear this politicians at all levels. This country is going bankrupt before your eyes. Times are hard. Things are tough. Unnecessary spending is irresponsible spending. Stop the insanity. Get over your self-importance and do what is right for the people you are supposed to represent.

The vast majority of us are sick of reckless, unnecessary spending, ridiculously poor and inept planning and petty bickering. Wake up. Before the payout to implement a plan that is going to affect the lives of a great many people is finalized, it should be run by the people for public scrutiny and open discussion. Is that too much to ask?

Phil Faustman
Grayling

Beware of pit bulls in neighborhood

To the editor:

If you run, walk or bike from AuSable Trail onto Yorke Trail, to the corner of Robinhood Lane (Sherwood Forest) beware of pit bulls.

Two men have been knocked off their bikes. Apparently there are three dogs coming from two different homes.

Please contact the Sheriff's Department or animal control if you see or have a problem with these dogs.

We would like to see the dogs removed from our neighborhood before someone is seriously injured.

Julie and Mark Ginther
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Church to celebrate anniversary

St. Mary's Church of Grayling is celebrating its 100th year anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 6. There will be free guided tours at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. of the new church with its nine-foot bronze statue, stained glass windows, large etched glass roundel and other artwork. All are invited.

Church to hold potluck picnic

The Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Rally Day potluck picnic will be held on Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., at the Ram Center. RSVP to Chris at 821-4344.

Elmwood Cemetery Walk to be held

The Crawford County Historical Society will hold the 2nd Annual Cemetery Walk at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the old cemetery only. Tickets are on sale at Riverland, Flowers By Josie, AuSable Gifts and the Crawford County Depot Museum during regular business hours. Tickets are \$5 each, children under 16 are free and it is \$20 for families. For more information, contact the museum at 348-4461 or check out the Web site at cchmgrayling@yahoo.com.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at noon on Sept. 10 at the American Legion Hall.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse.

Register now for McIsaac golf outing

The 2nd Annual Irv McIsaac Golf Day at the Grayling Country Club will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. There will be a men's division, a senior (62 and over) division, a women's division and a mixed division. Cost is \$55 per player, and includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch on the course, prizes and a burger bash after golf. All proceeds will benefit Grayling High School sports in honor of Irv McIsaac. To register, or for information, call 989-348-5618.

COOR Coalition offers free training

The four county COOR Coalition will hold annual September training on Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., covering information on the formation of a Sexual Assault Response Team including a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. There will be presentations from Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition, Trinity Health of Calhoun County as well as local service providers. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided at the Forwards Conference Center, Quality Inn, 2980 Cook Rd., West Branch. All interested participants are welcome. For information, call Jamie at River House Inc. at 989-348-3169.

VFW Post to hold monthly meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold a potluck on Sept. 9, at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. Bring a dish to pass. The Ladies Auxiliary inspection will be at 7 p.m. All officers need to be present. Call Deb Nemeth, at 348-4128, with any questions.

CASD retirees to hold annual dinner

The CASD retirees group will hold their annual dinner and get-together on Saturday, Sept. 13, in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. The social hour will begin at 3 p.m. followed by dinner at 4 p.m. To make reservations, call Mike Wieland at 989-348-9758.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

Viking band to hold band day

The Grayling Viking Band will hold Band Day on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Band students will be washing cars at Glen's Market and at Diane's Car Wash. Proceeds will benefit the activities of the Grayling Viking Bands. There will also be hot dogs, cotton candy and baked goods for sale at both locations. A can drive collection of returnable cans will be accepted at both locations as well.

Mercy Hospital to offer high blood pressure boot camp

Mercy Hospital will be offering START NEW Basic Training that will address high blood pressure.

It is estimated that over 50 million Americans have high blood pressure, with 35% of those not even knowing that they have a problem. Those who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure spend thousands of dollars each year on medications to control this chronic lifestyle disease, but now there's hope.

Participants who have attended a new lifestyle boot camp, called START NEW Basic Training, have been able to normalize their blood pressure and reduce or eliminate their medications in eight weeks or less.

Other benefits of this program can include lowering your cholesterol, stabilizing your blood sugar, losing weight naturally and keeping it off, reducing or eliminating any medications you are currently taking, finding rest in stress and living a healthier and happier life.

START NEW Basic Training will be offered at Mercy Hospital at 1100 Michigan Ave., in Grayling, beginning with a program orientation on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.

The program is typically \$65 but is being offered free for the fall program. To register or for additional information, call 989-348-2516, or visit us on the web at www.startnewbasictaining.com.

Wellington to host folk art festival

Wellington Farm USA, near Grayling, will host the Northern Michigan Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The one day event will feature artists, musicians, authors and storytellers from all across northern Michigan.

Special guest for the festival will be well known Michigan author Jerry Harju. Harju has written several books about growing up in northern Michigan. He will be available to sign books and will also be appearing as a storyteller on the Wellington Farm USA Mainstage.

Gates to Wellington Farm USA open at 10 a.m. and guest performers will begin shortly thereafter. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Wellington Farm USA has one of the finest outdoor stages in northern Michigan. Tastefully set in the heart of the beech and maple forest, the setting and the acoustics are wonderful.

All of the Wellington Farm

USA historic buildings will be in operation during the one-day festival. In addition, there will be artists, craftsmen, storytellers and musicians scattered about the park. A food concession will be available so families can plan on spending the entire day at the farm.

Admission for the Folk Arts Festival is just \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students. Wellington Farm USA is located at 6940 South Military Road between Higgins Lake and Camp Grayling. It is easily accessed from US-127, I-75 and M-72.

The farm also has a general store which is fully stocked with produce items, jams and jellies, gift items, T-shirts and hats. Fresh farm baked pies and cinnamon rolls arrive every Friday morning and are offered for sale until they are gone.

Wellington Farm USA is owned and operated by Wellington Farm Park Inc., a nonprofit corporation.

Deadline approaches for State Home Heating Credit

Consumers Energy reminds qualifying residents that Sept. 30 is the deadline to file for a State of Michigan Home Heating Credit.

"Qualifying Michigan residents can get help paying their heating bills through a Michigan Home Heating Credit," said Debra Harmon, Consumers Energy's customer assistance coordinator. Information on how to apply for a credit is being provided with bills that Consumers Energy customers receive in August. Information is also available at Consumers Energy's "Energy Answers" section on their Web site at www.consumersenergy.com.

"There is money available in the Michigan Home Heating Credit program to assist low-income residents with their energy bills. Unfortunately, many of those eligible do not take advantage of this program," said Harmon. Eligible applicants can get up to \$200 or more for their energy bills through the Home Heating Credit program. You do not need to file a state tax return to apply for this credit.

Home Heating Credit forms (MI-1040CR-7) are available at the following locations: most public libraries, Secretary of State branch offices, Department of Human Services branch offices or by calling Consumers Energy's toll free number at 800-477-5050. Forms are also available from the Michigan Department of Treasury, by calling 800-367-6263, or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Last year, more than 378,000 Michigan residents received \$77 million in aid through the Home Heating Credit program, which is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The Home Heating Credit can be applied to all heating costs, including propane and purchased firewood.

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- to those who participated (marching/riding/driving) in the parade,
- to those who donated trucks, flat beds, generators, water and everything - used in our parade,
- to all those community members who gave of their time, effort and, particularly, their enthusiasm for our parade
- to Spike's Keg of Nails for sponsoring the Celtic Pipers
- to Seven Eleven and Old Dam Party Store for change jars
- and to all those who gave financial contributions, and equipment "loans," particularly those listed below:

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And a special thank you again to Brian Ashton as well as committee person, Jeddy Hood. It takes everyone's very hard work to make our "community run" AuSable River Festival Parade the great success it was!

We also ask forgiveness of anyone we may have overlooked - it certainly was not intentional.

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The Bible Speaks

Adopted Children

"15For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15). God has given his children assurance of salvation because we have suffered the fears of sin, guilt, condemnation, and damnation, before He saved and freed us from all these fears and adopted us into His family as His adopted children. We should be rejoicing and crying out in gratitude to our heavenly Father.

First, we shall study the granting or gift of adoption - "...but ye have received..." Adoption is a received work of God just as all works of God's grace. "12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12). "16And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." (John 1:16). "11And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." (Romans 5:11). "41Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same

day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41). Everything we have from God's grace we have only received. "7For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" (1 Cor. 4:7).

Second, we shall study our grantor or giver of adoption - "...the Spirit of adoption..." Every work of Grace planned by God the Father, is purchased by God the Son, and procured by God the Holy Spirit. We are born again or quickened by the Holy Spirit. (John 3:5,6; Eph. 2:1; 1 Cor. 6:11). We are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (1 Pet. 1:2,22). We are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3). We are sealed and secured by the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 1:13,4,30; 2 Cor. 1:22). We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Tim 1:14). We are filled by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4; 5:18). We are led by the Holy Spirit. (John 16:13; Acts 8:29). The Holy Spirit mediates our prayers. (Eph. 2:18; 6:18; Rom 8:26). The Holy Spirit gives us power. (Rom. 15:19). We receive all spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:4-11). We will

be resurrected by the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 8:11). So it is no surprise we are adopted into God's family by the same Holy Spirit. (Rom. 8:15).

Third, we shall study our gratitude or gladness for adoption - "...whereby we cry, Abba, Father." The word "cry" is "krazo" in the Greek which means to call aloud, cry out, scream, or shriek. "Krazo" was the word used when Jesus cried out in His preaching in John 7:28,37; and 12:44. The last cry of Jesus was from the cross in Matthew 27:50. "50Jesus; when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." "Abba" is the Syrian and Chaldean form of the Hebrew word Father. "Abba, Father" was the term used by Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane in Mark 14:36. We rejoice for the eternal salvation God has provided for us through the sacrifice of His son and our Savior Jesus Christ. Galatians 4:6 tells us why we cry Abba, Father: "6And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." As adopted children, we rejoice as safe and secure with our Heavenly Father. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES



Mary Harland

Dec. 13, 1924 - Aug. 13, 2008
Mary Harland, of Grayling, passed away on August 13, 2008, after a courageous struggle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born in Detroit, on December 13, 1924, to Clifford and Edith Craig. She graduated from St. James High School in Ferndale in 1944.

A year later, on October 27, 1945, she married Alfred H. Harland Sr. She spent the majority of her life living in northern Michigan, where she was very active among the community.

She was a member of the Grayling Township Planning Board and was chairperson for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. She was a member of the State of Michigan FIA Board, an affiliate of the Crawford County COA and a member of the Beaver Creek Board of Review.

She managed the Berman Marshall 4F Lodge and the Chief Shoppenagon's Hotel. She was also the most senior employee at the Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center in Higgins Lake where, at 83 years young, she worked as a part-time kitchen worker.

She is survived by sons: Gary Harland of Seattle, Wash., Mike (Jayne) Harland of St. Charles, Ill., Al Harland Jr. of Grayling, Dennis Harland of Crestview, Fla., Doug (Elaine) Harland of Kingston, Ill.; daughters, Cyndi (Darl) Harland Pollock of Hudsonville and Ann (Harland) Wright of Davison; 13 grandchildren: Jason Wright, Melanie Wright, Zachary Harland, Ashley Baker, Elise Harland, Andrew Wright, Andrea Harland, Hannah Harland, Isaiah Harland, Griffin Harland, Nathan Harland, Jacob Harland and Xander Harland; and four great-grandchildren: Kaden Wright, Marcus Harland, Bryson Baker and Bright Harland.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra Harland; grandson, Jeremiah Harland; and husband, Alfred H. Harland Sr.

A memorial service was held on August 20, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Shelly L. Machulis

March 26, 1966 - Aug. 31, 2008
Shelly Lynn (Trenary) Machulis passed away on August 31, 2008.

The viewing will be held on Friday, Sept. 5, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church.

The funeral service will be on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made towards a trust fund set up for her two children.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Avalanche.



Harold A. Hatfield

April 17, 1924 - Aug. 27, 2008
Harold "Bum" Arthur Hatfield, 84, of Grayling, passed away on August 27, 2008.

He was born in Toronto, Canada, on April 17, 1924, to the late Harold James Lacey and Gertrude Oliver (Mathias) Hatfield.

He then moved with his parents to Detroit in 1926. In 1931, he moved to Grayling with his parents and attended Grayling High School before joining the U.S. Army on January 5, 1943. As a sergeant, he served as a tank commander in ETO, receiving five battle stars, and was wounded in action on January 7, 1945. He served his country for four years, one month and 21 days before being discharged. After being discharged, he became a City of Grayling police patrolman, was chief of police for a total of 28 years and was Crawford County Sheriff for 12 years.

He married Ilene Robarge in 1948 and had two children, Michael James and Marlene Jo.

He is survived by his daughter, Marlene Hatfield; daughter-in-law, Janet (Stephan) Hatfield; grandson: Preston Durham; granddaughter, Michael (Hatfield) Rioux; great-grandson, Louis Rioux Jr.; brothers: Gary, Warren, and Carl Hatfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Gertrude Hatfield; wife, Ilene Robarge Hatfield; son, Michael Hatfield; sister, Ruth Elizabeth; brothers: Roger, Hazen, James and Howard Hatfield.

Military Honors were accorded at Elmwood Cemetery on August 30.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Carol D. Bancroft

Dec. 13, 1937 - Aug. 30, 2008
Carol D. Bancroft, 70, of Grayling, passed away on August 30, 2008.

She was born in Pontiac, on December 13, 1937, to the late George and Eleanor (Barber) Lodge.

She married Donald Bancroft on August 15, 1959, in Grayling.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; daughters: Michelle (Dan) Whalen of Muskegon, Cathy (Harold) Miller of Charlevoix, Denise Palmer of Stanton; sons: Donald Bancroft Jr. of Georgia, Derek Bancroft of Fla.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters: Sharon (Cliff) Johnson of Frederic, Karen (Jerry) Kricker of Hemlock, Mary B. (Doy) Rouse of Coldsprings, Texas, Charles (Pat) Lodge of Commerce and Phillip (Tara) Lodge of Tara, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Frederic at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Sept. 5 - Lunch-pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, rice, peas, cauliflower and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Sept. 8 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and applesauce. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn and peaches. 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic.

Tuesday, Sept. 9 - Lunch - lasagna, Brussels sprouts, winter blend vegetables, a breadstick and oranges and grapefruit. Dinner - baked potato with chili, broccoli with cheese sauce and mixed fruit. 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Economic Stimulus Application Assistance, 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 3 p.m. board games, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 - Lunch - creamy chicken and noodles, carrots, green beans and pears. Birthday Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, apple sauce and cake and ice cream. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. rummage sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, Sept. 11 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, cauliflower and pineapple. Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, California blend and grapes. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative Meeting.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Recruit Steven J. Bumbalough, a 2008 graduate of Roscommon High School, recently completed his U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Bumbalough completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

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Phone 989-348-1909
Services held Saturday at
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(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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Costumed interpreters will portray members of a logging camp during a journey back in time to the year 1896, at Hartwick Pines State Park, on Sept. 20.

Step back in time in a logging camp

Visitors to Hartwick Pines State Park will have the opportunity to journey back to the year 1896, meeting some of the members of the Salling, Hanson and Company's "Section 9 Camp" as they prepare for the upcoming winter logging season, on Saturday evening, Sept. 20, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Costumed interpreters will portray several members of the camp including Karen "Bessie" Michelson (the future Karen Hartwick), a local boarding house owner, the landlooker, the camp clerk, the camp cooks, a teamster and some of the "shantyboys"—the men who did the cutting of the trees. From these men and women you will learn all about the life in a camp, the variety of work that was done in logging in the Grayling area and the rest of Michigan and some of the dangers of the job.

The Logging Museum will be

transformed into the "Section 9 Camp", which was located in what is now Hartwick Pines, for the night. The park visitors will take on the roll of new employees to the Salling, Hanson and Company and will journey from the "Grayling Train Depot" (The Visitor Center) to the logging camp.

The lantern lit, quarter of a mile walk between the visitor center and the logging museum will become the eight-mile journey to the camp.

While at the museum, converse with shantyboy Morris O'Gorman about life in the bunkhouse, landlooker N.P. Salling about the search for the tall timber and camp cooks Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Stephenson about the huge appetites of the lumberjacks and how much food they need to cook for them.

After meeting the residents of the camp, enjoy the campfire on

the "camboose" or head back up to the Visitor Center for a hot beverage.

Your visit will likely last approximately an hour, but spend as much time as you would like. The doors of the Visitor Center will open at 6:30 p.m., however, the tours do not start until 7 p.m. The last tour will leave at 8:30 p.m.

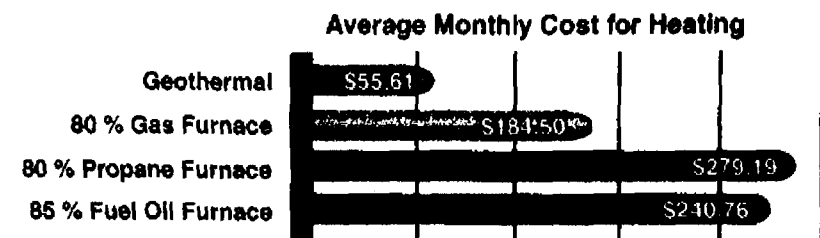
There is no charge for this program, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park. The daily permit is \$6 and a yearly permit is \$24 for Michigan residents and \$8 for a daily or \$29 for an annual permit for non-residents. Hartwick Pines State Park is located on M-93 (Hartwick Pines Rd.), two miles east of I-75, exit 259.

For more information, please contact Hartwick Pines State Park at 989-348-2537.

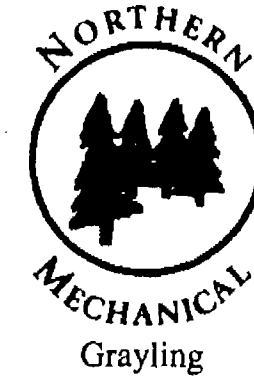
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Grayling resident makes heartfelt connection to organ donor's family

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By the end of 2000, he was hospital ridden and practically on his death bed. Not only are heart donors rare, but doctors were not finding an undamaged heart that was a good match for Crawford's body. At long last, physicians had a heart that appeared to be a good match.

"If I didn't get it, I wasn't going to make it," said Crawford.

On Jan. 6, 2001, Crawford got the word that the surgery had been approved. The operation was a success. He was up and walking within a day. He had been given a second shot at life.

"I feel like I can do anything. Before, you know, I could hardly walk," said Crawford.

As is the case with any heart transplant, Crawford's new beginning came out of another person's untimely end. The donor was a 42-year-old father and husband named Karl Schaaf. He had sustained fatal injuries in a freak automobile accident.

In a letter that she would later send to Crawford, Schaaf's wife Kim said that the decision to donate his organs while he was still dying was one of the hardest choices she would ever have to make.

It would be a long time before Crawford got to know Karl Schaaf's story. He would eventually find that Kim Schaaf had not only lost a husband, but two young girls named Nicole and Samantha had lost a father as well.

Crawford's relationship with

Schaaf's family began one year later, when he sent them a letter introducing himself and thanking the family. The letter was transmitted through the hospital in order to prevent any possibility of direct contact.

The Schaaf family was quick to send a letter in reply. Through their correspondence, it was soon discovered that Lloyd Crawford and Karl Schaaf had much more in common than their heart. Both were avid outdoorsmen.

Both loved hunting. Both shared an unusual passion for convertibles.

"To have us be connected like this ... it's just unreal," said Crawford.

He eventually resolved to establish a firmer contact with his donor's family. He included his phone number in a letter, although the hospital staff blacked it out. Not to be discouraged, Nicole Schaaf (now Nicole Justice) found a way to see past the ink.

"Me and my boyfriend at the time decoded it," said Justice.

That Christmas, Justice gave Crawford an unexpected gift. She gave the recipient of her father's heart a phone call.

"I talked with her for a couple of hours," said Crawford.

Before long, Crawford met the Schaaf family in person. They even drove up from their home in Laingsburg to vacation at Crawford's Grayling residence.

"It's just awesome to be connected with that family," said Crawford.

This summer, Justice presented Crawford a very special, and unusual, request. She asked him to dance in her father's place at her wedding.

"I just wanted part of my dad there," said Justice.

Crawford accepted the invitation. The wedding took place on June 21.

"It was just unreal, you know," said Crawford. "It kind of chokes me up."

Crawford emphasized that this connection would never have been possible had it not been for Michigan organ donor programs.

"I just want to help the donor situation," said Crawford.

It is a program that allowed Nicole Justice to dance with a little piece of her father at her wedding. This is not something that she takes for granted.

"Since then, I've become a donor myself," said Justice.

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GPA kicks off 36th travelogue season with 'The Best of Bavaria'

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series will kick off the 36th season of the Travel and Adventure Series with "The Best of Bavaria," narrated by Fran Reidelberger, on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling, on Sept. 11.

Reliving the old and discovering the new, filmmakers Fran and Brooke Reidelberger offer a digital show focusing on food, festivals, fantastic mountain scenery, fascinating history and story book towns.

Using archival footage, they

show the re-birth of Munich after World War II and then capture the spirit of Munich today at the city's world renowned Oktoberfest.

The Romantic Road, the Bavarian Forest, Mad Ludwig's castles, the tourist town trilogy of Mittenwald, Oberammergau and Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Dachau, Regensburg, Bamberg, a children's festival, woodcarvers, beer makers and hand gliders are all featured in this new digital video.

When not traveling, the

Reidelbergers make their home in Grayling.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students, and are available in uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

Season tickets are available for the 2008-09 Travel and Adventure Series, which include five shows, Bavaria, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Mississippi Rafting Adventure, China the 21st Century and

Sweden, for \$35 or \$30 for seniors.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

The Travel and Adventure Series is made possible with the generous support of lead sponsor Fick and Sons Inc. of Grayling, in partnership with the Grayling Promotional Association, area businesses, and corporations, grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



Grayling Promotional Association's Travel and Adventure Series will travel to Bavaria with live presenter Fran Reidelberger, at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 11.

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KCPA kicks off season with New Christy Minstrels

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will kick off its 2008-09 performing artist series on Saturday, Sept. 13, when it hosts The New Christy Minstrels for one show only at 7 p.m. on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon.

Some younger music enthusiasts may not easily recognize the name, as The New Christy Minstrels were first put together in 1961 by Randy Sparks, who still directs the company today. The group is named for Edwin Christy's 1800s singing troupe, "Christy's Minstrels," which was known for introducing many Stephen Foster songs.

The folk music ensemble of eight men and two women first burst onto the entertainment scene in the fall of 1962, making

their national television debut on The Andy Williams Show. That was followed by performances at such legendary stops as Carnegie Hall, The Coconut Grove in Los Angeles and The Latin Quarter in New York City, with the group also winning a Grammy for their debut album, "Presenting The New Christy Minstrels."

Over time, the names and faces of the group have changed but have included such stars as Kenny Rogers, Kim Carnes, Karen Barnes and comedian Steve Martin, who got his start on the company's stage. Group member Larry Ramos went on to be one of the founding members of the rock/folk group, The Association, while Barry McGuire recorded the solo hit, "Eve of Destruction."

A long-time fan and concert promoter, Robert Zucker, arranged for a reunion show in April 2005, bringing back six of the 10 original members to perform together for the first time in about 30 years and starting a new era in the group's history. Later that year, The New Christy Minstrels released "Christmas, Volume II: 42 Years Later," a follow-up to the group's highly successful 1963 recording.

Ticket prices for the Sept. 13 performance are \$28 and \$26, and may be purchased in advance online or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office. Senior (55 or older), student and group discounts are available.

The Children's Learning Center, also located on Kirtland's campus, will be open from 6 p.m.

till the end of the show to provide child care services - \$5 for one child or \$15 per family. There is free shuttle service from the parking lot to the main lobby doors.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa or call the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777. Online, persons may view video of The New Christy Minstrels or check out the link to the group's Web site, as well as learn more about other upcoming performances to be hosted by the KCPA.

The Sept. 13 presentation of The New Christy Minstrels is sponsored in part by Gannon Broadcasting Systems, Quality Inn of West Branch and Lange Vending in Grayling.



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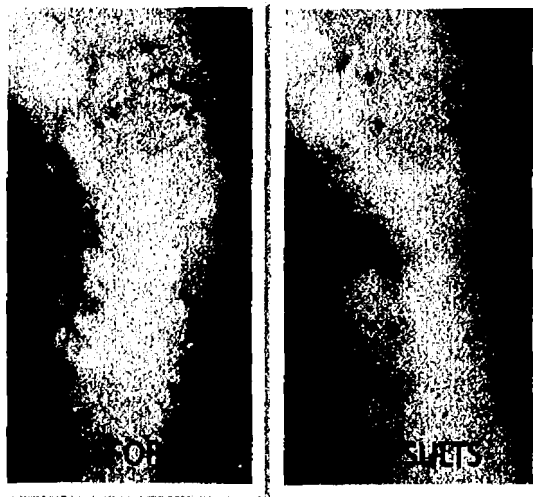
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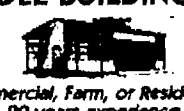
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Mio - To keep the AuSable clean for all to enjoy, the AuSable Big Water Preservation Association (ASB-WPA) and Huron Pines AmeriCorps are co-sponsoring a clean-up. On Sept. 6, volunteers will meet in Mio and clean downstream to Alcona Pond. This stretch of river needs attention. The AuSable River draws a tremendous amount of seasonal traffic and unfortunately too much gets left behind.

We need your help to make this day a success and keep this treasure clean. Volunteers should meet at the MDOT landing on M-33 at 8 a.m. for coffee, donuts and instructions.

Volunteers are urged to bring waders if they can and an appetite, for immediately following the clean-up, a barbecue will be held at the Evergreen Club. During the barbecue there will be a chance to win a number of prizes ranging from a Sage Z-Axis fly rod to gift cards.

For more details and to sign up, contact either Thomas Buhr at www.asbwpa.org or 989-745-4957 or Nathan Skibbe at volunteer@huronpines.org or 989-344-0753, ext. 14.

Gaylord - The sixth annual fall Antique and Collectible Market in downtown Gaylord will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine, at the Pavilion on Court Street next to the courthouse.

More than 20 antique and collectible dealers from Michigan will occupy a full city block. Sandy Pendygraft, a certified antique appraiser, will be offering verbal and written appraisals for a small fee. The Farmers Market will also be occurring in close proximity to the Antique Market.

Admission is free and there is plenty of free municipal parking nearby.

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BIRTHS

Patricia S. (Walsh) Martini and Mathew Martini, of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce the birth of their daughter, Isla Mae, born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati on July 11, 2008, at 10 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in

length. Sheryl and George Cooper, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Mason Robert, born at Mercy Hospital on August 27, 2008, at 6:32 a.m., weighing 9 lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

LIBRARY NEWS

"Get it Together" is a back-to-school program that will be held at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. Come for stories, crafts and fun. If you have questions, call Connie at 989-348-4067.

RANGE FIRING

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard, Sept. 4 - 10.

The following firing ranges are scheduled during the period of Sept. 4 - 10.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd.

Range 17, hand grenade range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.).

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek.

Range 20 and 21, demolition

ranges, located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail will be conducting a historical weapons firing demonstration.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6320.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 101 complaints the week of Aug. 25 - Aug. 31:

Sixteen general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, three assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, four burglaries/home invasions, 10 larcenies, one damage to property-business property, one obstruction of justice-contempt of court, 18 public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, five traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic,

one traffic violation-civil infraction, two hazardous conditions, one accident-all other, one inspection/investigation-motor vehicle, two inspections/investigations- property, six family troubles-domestic, 11 suspicious situations, eight driving violations/driving while license suspended, one driving on revoked/suspended license and one failure to file public liability and property damage insurance. Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

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A heartfelt thank you to all my friends, colleagues and family for your support and well wishes. I so appreciate the flowers, meals and prayers. The phone calls and visits brighten my day

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James Lee busts a move mid flight.

Michigan Bike Festival brings all kinds of riders to Grayling

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Smith noted that this year's event exceeded expectations with attendance. He estimated that there were more total people in and out on Saturday than the festival has ever seen before.

The heart of the event, however, was the riding. A BMX course was constructed in the parking lot, featuring ramps and rails. Although BMX riding is somewhat uncommon compared to road riding or mountain biking in this area, local kids took to the course with enthusiasm.

Grayling resident Matt Kuck, age 16, could be spotted launching through the air on his BMX bike Sunday afternoon.

"The adrenaline gets you going," said Kuck.

Kuck and his friends were joined on the course by adult professional rider James "Uncle Jimmi" Lee. Mongoose Bikes sponsored Uncle Jimmi to demonstrate at the event.

This was no usual demonstration. Lee used the ramps to fly off the ground, performing a huge variety of ariel maneuvers, including backflips.

"I'm an adrenaline junkie, not an athlete," said Lee.

Lee travels the country doing demonstrations. He did not fail to draw a crowd at this year's Michigan Bike Festival.

"I'm at the pinnacle of my career," said Lee.

"Uncle Jimmi" is now 43, proving that it is possible to shred trails or pavement at any age. He was clocked riding down the mountain at a blazing 61.7 miles per hour. He admits to being a man that lives for danger.

"Man, I come close to death more than I can tell you about," said Lee.

Several brushes with the grave



Grayling resident Matt Kuck goes for some big air. "It's fun. I watched my next door neighbor growing up doing it," said Kuck.

and a laundry list of injuries will not be enough to slow Lee down anytime soon.

"Is it worth the risk? I wouldn't have it any other way," said

Lee.

He said he was excited to share his love of riding with local kids, who have a lot to gain from the sport.

"The synonyms for biking, for me, are freedom, independence, social benefits, achievement, health, fitness and fun," said Lee.

GPA spreading patriotic spirit to local businesses

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Memorial Day. Independence Day. 9/11. There are certain days when patriotic spirit often comes automatically.

At other times, displays of patriotism can be a little more spontaneous. Last week, the Grayling Promotional Association distributed approximately 200 American flags to area businesses.

"The organization felt that this would be a great show of support for our state and our troops," said GPA representative Shelly Cohee.

According to a recent report in

the Muskegon Chronicle, there are nearly 1,600 Michigan National Guard troops currently deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Although this flag project coincides roughly with Labor Day, Cohee insists that this project is not really intended as a part of that celebration. Instead, it is a more general show of support.

"Everybody seems really happy with the idea," said Cohee.

Although the free flag distribution was limited to local businesses, Cohee hopes the scenery will be an inspiration to the com-

munity at large.

"I think it looks beautiful. I hope it encourages people around town to fly them in front of their own homes," said Cohee.

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Church honors lifetime member



The Grayling Baptist Church honored a lifetime member and deacon who passed away one year ago. The family and friends of Melvin Fishell built an outside pavilion for picnics and other activities. Shown here are his wife Ann and his daughter Vicky cutting the ribbon during the ceremony.

New oak wilt disease cases on the rise

Homeowners in Crawford County should be on the lookout for a deadly tree problem that is beginning to show up more frequently. It's called oak wilt disease. Oak trees infected with the disease suddenly "shutdown" or wilt and shed their leaves in mid-summer. By the end of the summer, infected oak trees die.

Over the last few weeks in Crawford County, this year's "crop" of infected oaks has become very noticeable. Pockets of oak wilt can now be found in virtually all areas of the county. In addition, oak wilt is increasingly spreading across Michigan and is now becoming a serious forest and shade tree problem in many areas across the northern Lower Peninsula.

While oak wilt can attack trees in both the red and white family of oak trees, it is a much more serious forest pest of red oak trees. Typically, red oaks quickly wilt and die once they become infected with the wilt disease. The oak wilt fungus literally blocks all the water conducting tissue inside a tree and causes the tree to wither and die from lack of water. White oaks are more resistant but can still become infected, but not as easily as trees in the red oak family.

The oak wilt disease is first to spread into a new, previously uninfected yard or neighborhood by small picnic beetles that carry the fungus on their bodies. These beetles are attracted to fresh pruning cuts or other types of injury on oak trees that expose the inner bark or sapwood. As the beetles feed on the sap of these open wounds, they inadvertently transfer spores of the fungus from their bodies into the oak tree.

Once a single tree becomes infected with oak wilt in an area, the disease is further spread underground to other oak trees in close proximity through root grafts that surrounding trees create between one another.

Consequently, a patch of oak wilt killed trees usually occurs that takes on a somewhat circular pattern of tree mortality as the disease slowly is transferred from tree to tree via root grafts over a number of years. While this pattern is helpful in identifying oak wilt (in combination with other symptoms), it doesn't necessarily make it easier to treat or slow down the spread of the disease.

Currently, there is no chemical pesticide available that can absolutely cure the disease once a tree becomes infected. Instead, the most common method of treatment is to slow the spread of the diseases by severing (breaking) the root grafts between oak trees. The most effective way to do this is by running 4-5 foot long (deep) trench lines underground in a series of plow lines between healthy and suspected infected trees. All trees, within the inner portions of the plow lines may eventually die, but the correct installation of the trench or plow lines severs the grafts between trees and halts the spread of the disease.

Given the expense of installing trench or plow lines, the most effective means of dealing with oak wilt by a homeowner is to prevent the disease from ever establishing itself in an area to begin with. While this may seem impossible, homeowners can help considerably in this regard by not pruning or injuring oak trees during the summer months (approximately from April 1 through Sept. 1) which is the most active period of infection. Experiences from Minnesota and Illinois (where oak wilt is a widespread problem) has shown that not pruning or injuring trees during the summer has really been effective at slowing the spread of oak wilt. Moreover, all pruning of oaks should be withheld until the dormant season in areas where oak wilt has been already detected.

For more information about either disease, contact your local MSU Extension office at 344-3264 or the Michigan Department of Agriculture Regional office closest to you.

Child identification event set for Saturday

The Michigan Child Identification Program (MICHIP), sponsored by the Michigan Masons, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Grayling Middle School cafeteria from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The event is provided free of charge by the Michigan Masonic Grand Lodge and the Grayling Masonic Lodge in conjunction with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Order of the Eastern Star of Grayling, the AuSable Shrine Club, the V.F.W. Auxiliary and other organizations.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children recognizes the MICHIP as one of the most complete child recovery and identification programs in the nation.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield stated that time will be dramatically reduced in issuing an amber alert with the information provided in this kit.

This kit is also useful for seniors with Alzheimer's, since a common symptom of Alzheimer's disease is wandering. It meets all the requirements of the Alzheimer's Association.

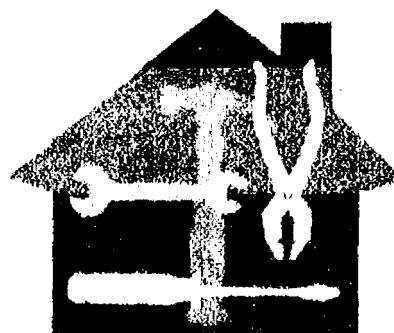
The Masons encourage seniors to participate in the program, as the kit will expedite identification in the event of an accident or confused wandering.

At the MICHIP event, Masons generate individual identification kits that are given to the parent, guardian or participant to take home for safekeeping. Each kit contains a color photo which can be circulated by police officers.

Kits also contain fingerprints and a recorded interview which captures the appearance, speech mannerisms and important characteristics of the child or senior.

In the case of an emergency, these can be distributed to the media to reach a huge audience. Kits also contain dental impressions (which are as unique as fingerprints) and DNA, which serves as an absolute form of identification, as well as pure and exclusive scents for tracking dog use.

During the event, each person will move through several stages which take about 10-15 minutes to complete. An identifying item is generated at each station and placed in the individual's kit. Nothing is kept on file except a permission slip signed by the child's parent or guardian, or the person who requests the kit.



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Football team opens season with 46-13 win at Roscommon

QB Osga sets new school record with 348 passing yards

The Grayling Vikings opened their 2008 varsity football season with a 46-13 nonconference victory vs. the Roscommon Bucks last Thursday at RHS.

Grayling led 24-0 at halftime. The Bucks opened the second half with an on-side kick recovery, and they capped the possession with a 47-yard touchdown run, cutting Grayling's advantage to 24-6.

Grayling answered with a two-play 52-yard scoring drive. Quarterback Jimmy Osga passed to Geo Bindschatel for 42 yards on 1st and 10. On the next play, Osga passed to Cody Myers for a 10-yard TD. Osga passed to Bindschatel for two points on the conversion attempt. GHS led 32-6.

With 7:07 left in the third quarter, Grayling recovered a Roscommon fumble. Osga threw deep to Tyler Steffey for a 39-yard gain on 1st and 10. On the next play, Osga ran the ball into the end zone for a five-yard TD. Osga passed to Bindschatel for the two-point conversion. The Vikings led 40-6.

After a Grayling punt, Roscommon drove 37 yards on six plays, finishing the possession with a one-yard TD plunge on 2nd and goal. The Bucks kicked the extra point and trailed 40-13.

The Vikings responded with another scoring drive. Grayling

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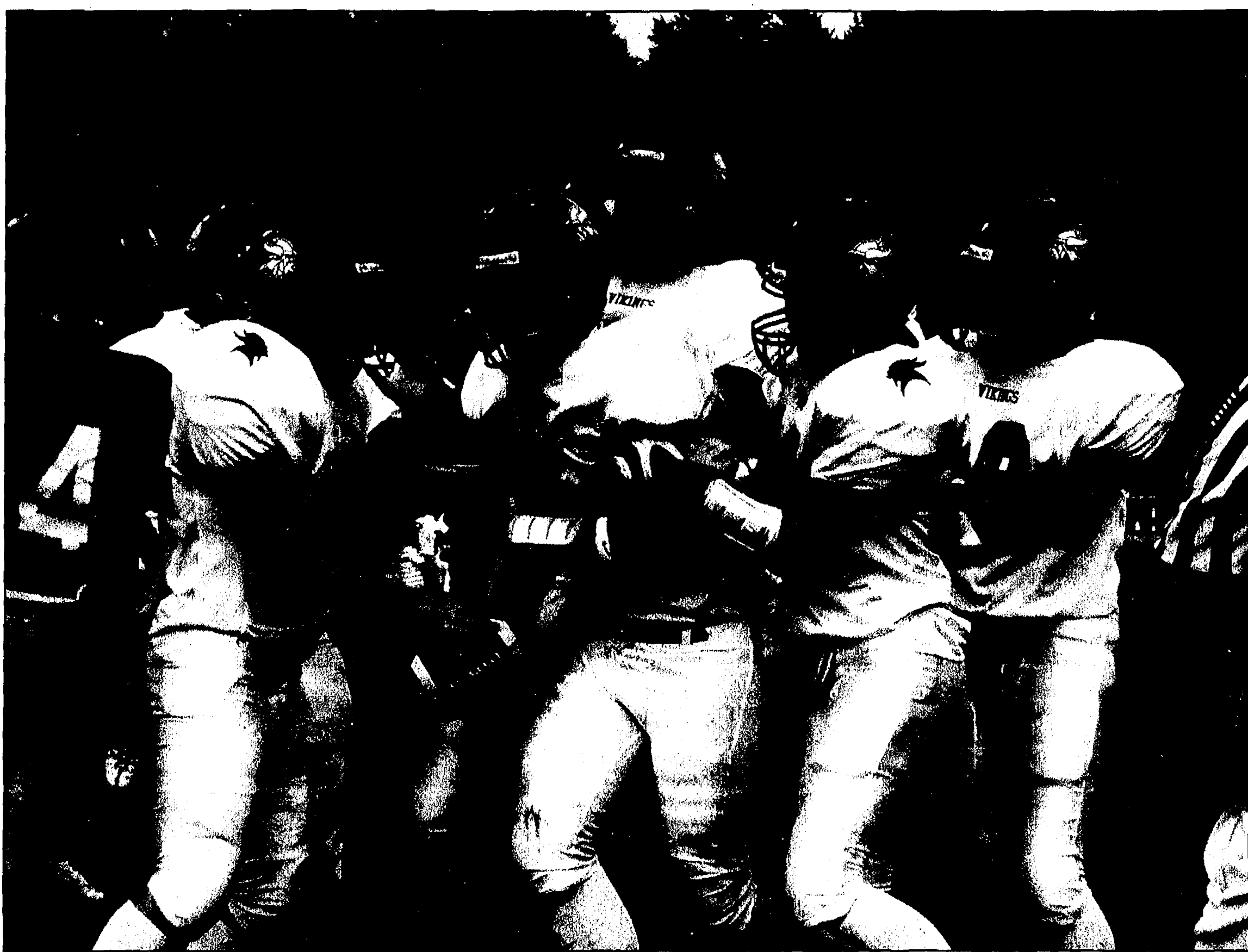


Photo courtesy of GHS Football

Grayling players celebrate after a touchdown run by Geo Bindschatel on Thursday night at Roscommon. The Vikings won the game by a final score of 46-13.

Grayling wins wild JV game 46-42

Football teams score 4 TDs in final 3 minutes

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

In a junior varsity football contest that featured a total of 88 points — 28 of which were scored in the final three minutes of the fourth quarter — the Grayling Vikings defeated the visiting Roscommon Bucks by a final score of 46-42 on Wednesday night.

On the first possession of the game, Roscommon finished a 71-yard scoring drive with a 34-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion attempt failed. RHS led 6-0.

Joey Schwartz recovered Roscommon's on-side kick. Running back David Bergan gained 40 yards on Grayling's first play of the game. On 1st and goal from the 4-yard line, fullback Luke Schneider carried the ball into the end zone for a TD. The two-conversion attempt ended with an incomplete pass, and the game was tied at 6-6.

Grayling forced Roscommon to punt on 4th and 13 from deep in its own end of the field, giving GHS the ball 22 yards from the end zone. The Vikings surrendered the ball on downs after failing to score on four goal-to-go situations.

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Tyler Brigham runs with the ball after catching a pass during Wednesday's home game against the Roscommon Bucks.



Grayling's offense lines up for a snap during the first half of Wednesday's contest vs. Roscommon.



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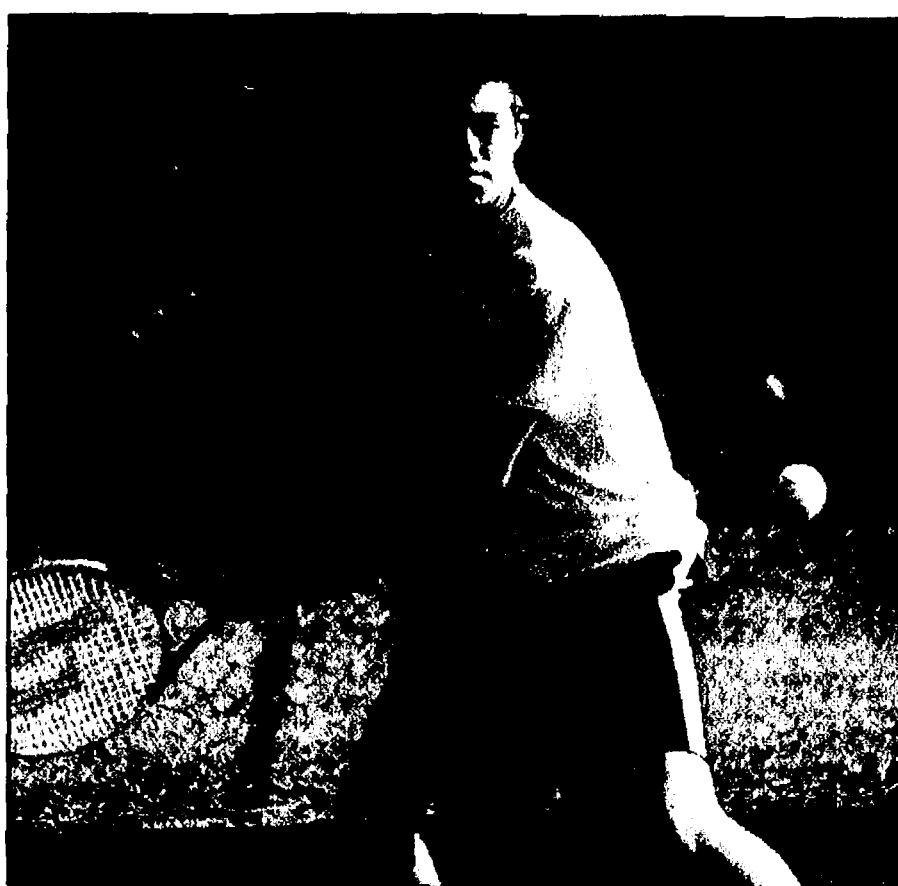
David Bergan carries the ball for the Vikings on Wednesday vs. Roscommon.

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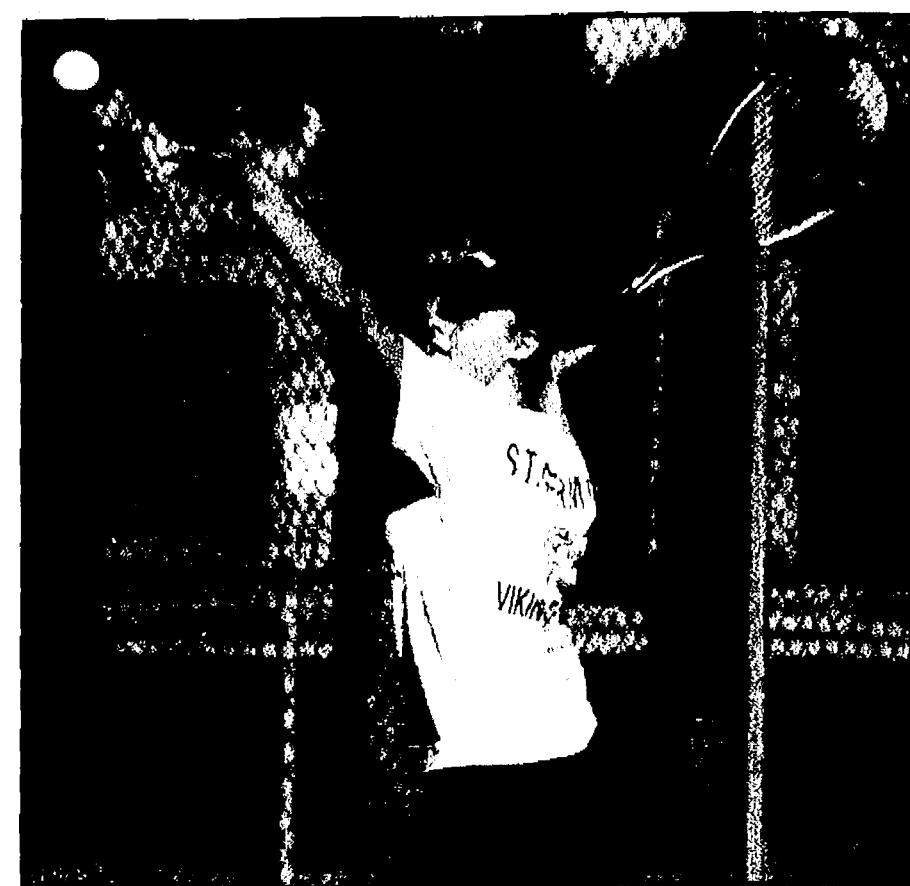
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Will Fowler, left, hits a ball during last Tuesday's tennis meet against Traverse City St. Francis. Tiffany Stump, right, throws a ball up for a serve during Tuesday night's meet.



Tennis squad wins one match vs. TCSF

Grayling High School's varsity tennis squad posted one victory vs. the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators during a meet held at GHS last Tuesday.

Tiffany Stump won her singles match with scores of 6-7 (4-7), 6-0, 12-10 (tiebreaker). Emily Sloan lost a close match, 6-7 (2-7), 4-6. Will Fowler also lost a close match, 4-6, 6-7 (5-7).

"Will played in his first tennis match ever at #4 singles and almost got his first win. Will just joined our team last week and he's an extremely hard worker. His positive attitude and willingness to learn the game are a great asset to our team. I was very proud of the way Mollie Golnick and Scott Wejrowski played together in the #2 doubles match. They had excellent communication out on the court tonight and I expect good things from them this season," Coach Scott Baker said.

The tennis squad will play at Charlevoix on Tuesday, Sept. 9.



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Emily Sloan sets up for a shot during last week's meet vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

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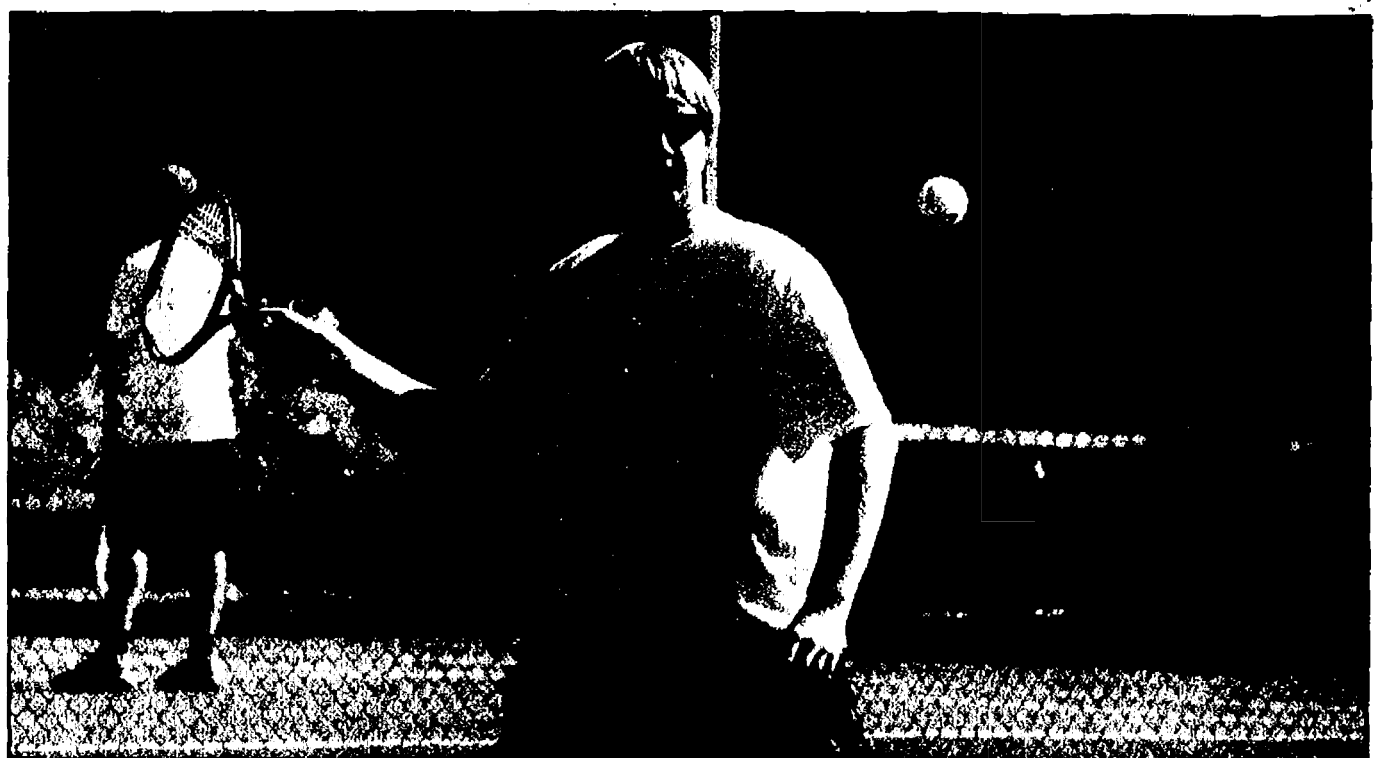
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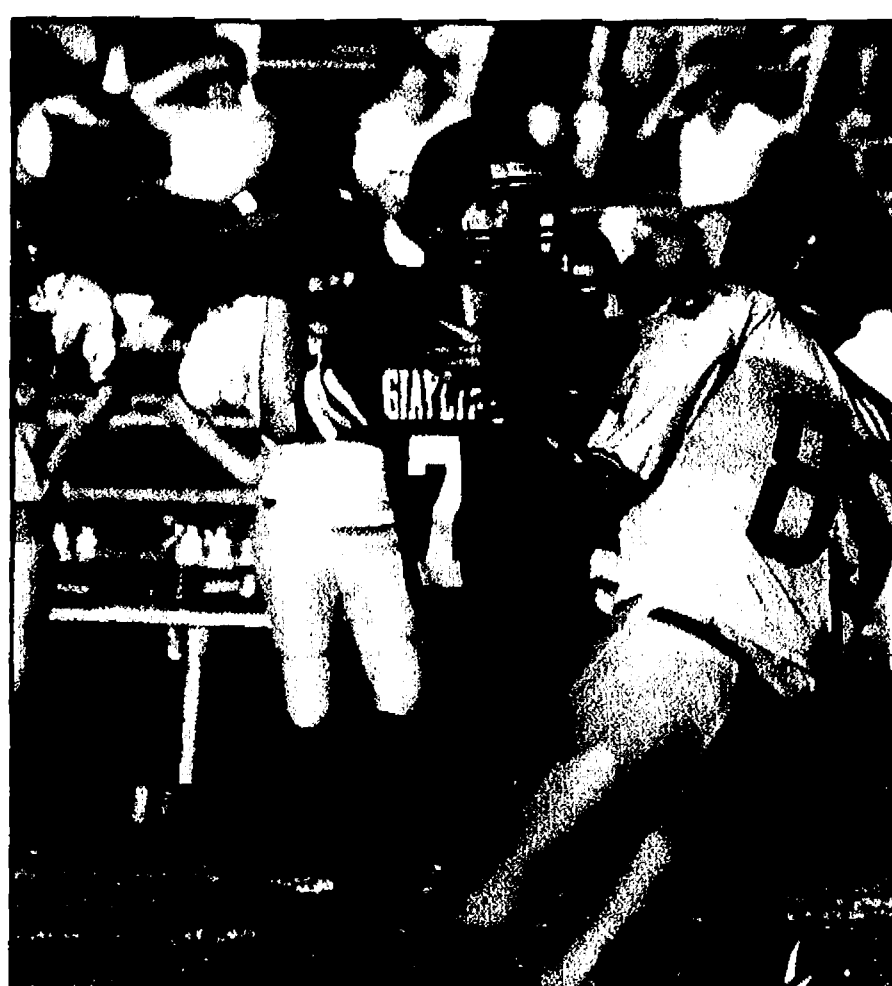
Myrissa Kuhn serves during a doubles match vs. TCSF on Tuesday night.



Drue Kuhn sets up for a forehand shot during a singles match on Tuesday.



Scott Wejrowski tosses a ball up for a serve during a doubles match on Tuesday.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Luke Schneider, left, carries the ball for Grayling during Wednesday night's JV football game vs. the Roscommon Bucks. Riley Zigila, right, drops back to pass vs. Roscommon on Wednesday.

Grayling wins wild JV game 46-42

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Roscommon fumbled on 1st and 10 and Griffin Dean recovered the ball for Grayling, giving the Vikings possession five yards from the end zone. Four plays later, Roscommon took over on downs, with Grayling failing to capitalize on four more goal-to-go opportunities.

Roscommon punted on 4th and 18. Tyler Brigham returned the kick 35 yards, giving Grayling the ball 26 yards from the end zone. Quarterback Riley Zigila completed passes to Brigham and Nick McDonald for a first down. On 1st and 10, Roscommon intercepted a Grayling pass near the goal line to end the series.

On 2nd and 8, the Bucks connected on a deep pass for a 78-yard TD. With the two-point conversion, Roscommon led 14-6. Grayling's next series also ended with an interception.

The Bucks completed a 45-yard drive with a 10-yard TD run on 4th and 5. After the two-point conversion, the Bucks led 22-6 with six seconds left in the first half.

Nick Dorn recovered Roscommon's on-side kick to start the second half. On second down, quarterback Zane Tobin passed to Brigham for a 42-yard gain. The Vikings fumbled on the next play, and Roscommon recovered the loose ball.

The Bucks fumbled on their second play of the second half, and Craig Collen recovered the ball for the Vikings.

Tobin passed to Brigham for a 23-yard gain on 1st and 10. On 3rd and goal, Bergen ran the ball

into the end zone for a 10-yard TD. Tobin passed to McDonald for the two-point conversion. Grayling trailed 22-14.

Roscommon fumbled on 2nd and 14, and Steven Enos recovered the ball for the Vikings.

Three pass completions — one to McDonald and four to Brigham — brought up 1st and goal at the 2-yard line. A quarterback sneak by Tobin on 2nd and 1 resulted in a TD for GHS. Tobin passed to Enos for the two-point conversion, tying the game at 22-22.

The Bucks fumbled on 3rd and 10 and Bergen recovered the ball. On the next play of the game, Grayling passed the ball backwards, resulting in a fumble, and Roscommon recovered it.

The Bucks drove 43 yards on seven plays and finished the series with a two-yard TD run on 3rd and goal. Roscommon scored the two-point conversion with a QB scramble, and RHS led 30-22 with 9:57 left in the fourth quarter.

Zach Randall recovered Roscommon's short kickoff, giving GHS the ball 47 yards from the goal line. On 1st and 15, Tobin passed to Brigham for a 42-yard TD. Tobin connected with Enos for the two-point conversion to tie the game at 30-30 with 9:20 left in regulation.

The Bucks moved the ball from their 26-yard line to Grayling's 37. On 2nd and 7, Zigila made a leaping interception in the secondary to end the drive.

Grayling punted on 4th and 9. On 3rd and 7, with 2:45 left in the contest, Grayling's secondary

tipped a deep pass by Roscommon, but the ball fell into the hands of a Roscommon receiver, and the play ended in a 23-yard TD. Grayling stopped the two-point conversion attempt. The Bucks led 36-30 with 2:38 remaining.

Roscommon tried another on-side kick, and Jeremy Richardson recovered the ball for GHS. A QB sack and two incomplete passes brought up 4th and 23. A pass interference penalty on fourth down gave Grayling a first down at Roscommon's 46-yard line. On 2nd and 10, Tobin threw deep to Brigham for a 46-yard TD, tying the game at 36-36 with 1:24 left in the fourth period. Tobin passed to Enos for the two-point conversion.

Roscommon completed a pass for 41 yards on 1st and 10. After spiking the ball to stop the clock, the Bucks completed a pass for 23 yards. After another spike, the Bucks ended the drive with a five-yard TD pass. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Roscommon led 42-38 with 50 seconds left in the contest.

Joe White recovered Roscommon's on-side kick for GHS. Tobin passed to Enos for a 27-yard gain on 1st and 10. After a spike to stop the clock, Tobin scrambled behind the line of scrimmage to buy time and hit Bergen for an 11-yard gain. On the next play — 1st and goal from the 9-yard line — Tobin passed to Enos for a touchdown. Tobin scrambled into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

With 18 seconds left in the contest, GHS led 46-42.

It wasn't over yet, though.

Grayling kicked the ball deep. The Roscommon kick returner scrambled, then heaved the ball downfield — an illegal forward pass. One of the Bucks caught the ball in stride and ran all the way to the end zone as the clock expired. Since the play resulted in a touchdown, Grayling couldn't decline the penalty to end the game, so the Bucks got one more chance — one untimed down at their own 5-yard line with 0:00 left on the clock. Zigila intercepted a deep pass by Roscommon to end the game.

Grayling won 46-42. The Vikings finished the contest with 312 passing yards, including 263 yards and three TDs by Tobin. Brigham caught eight passes for 216 yards and two TDs. Enos had six catches for 68 yards and one TD. Bergen rushed for 55 yards on eight carries with one TD.

On defense, leading tacklers for GHS were: Matt Dunkel, 9 tackles; Schwartz, 6 tackles; Dean, 6 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries; Enos, 4 tackles, 1 fumble recovery.

"This was the most exciting football I've been a part of. The kids played great in the second half and deserve all the credit for coming back to win," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

"I was very proud of our kids. They could have given up at any time, but they just kept coming back time and time again to take the lead," Assistant Coach Ron Wyman said.

The Vikings (1-0) will play at Houghton Lake on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Vikings of the Week

JIMMY OSGA & SPENCER DEAN

Coach: Ben Brock

Football

"Spencer Dean epitomizes what a student athlete and leader should be. He worked his tail off the entire off-season and the senior captain is a three-year starter on varsity. It is not fair that he broke his collarbone, as he has done everything the right way both academically and athletically for his high school career. He is a person who will be greatly missed on the field but he is — and always will be — this team's emotional leader. Jimmy Osga set the school record with 348 passing yards. He has made himself the player that he is by being a student of the game and making the right decisions. He — along with Spencer Dean, Geo. Hindachetel, and Mike Davis — are the reason for the success that we will have this season. We are lucky to have Jimmy, and now it is time for him to showcase his talents for his final season as our field general," their coach said.

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Thursday Ladies League

The last night of the ladies league was Thursday, August 28.

The overall winners for this season were: in Flight 1, Carole Gust and Shirley Griffin; in Flight 2, Beth Freer and Jody Coors; and in Flight 3, Dorothy Summerix and Geri Koutnik.

The ladies league ended their

season with a fun night and a banquet. We had a great time this year. See you for fall play everyone.

During our fun night, which consisted of a two person scramble, Shirley Griffin had a hole-in-one on hole #7. The winners of our fun night were Bobbie Ferguson and Geri Koutnik with

a 33.

A wonderful prime rib dinner was served and, after dinner, prizes were awarded.

Our ladies match play also came to an end.

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Vikings place 2nd in 8-team golf meet on Monday

Grayling to host 4-team meet on Thursday, Sept. 4

The Grayling Vikings placed second out of eight teams at last Monday's Grayling Invitational girls golf meet, an event that was held at the Grayling Country Club.

Petoskey won the meet with a team total of 384. Grayling took second with a score of 420, and Alpena/Cheboygan tied for third with 421.

The top four scorers for the Vikings were: Leigha Stevens (98), Alexis Peck (102), Andrea Willobee (105), and Kirstie Wakeley (115).

"I was extremely pleased with

our first performance of the season. With so much inexperience, it would have been easy to fold under pressure. Instead, the girls fought hard and even had some personal bests. I can't say enough about the maturity our underclassmen showed," Coach Keri Brock said.

"We have our final home meet on Thursday and then hit the road for the remainder of the season. That's the true test - scoring well away from your home course. We still have a lot of room for improvement, especially in our short game. I look forward to seeing the progress the girls make," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will host Glen Lake, Alpena, and Cheboygan on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 4 p.m.



Leigha Stevens hits a putt on hole #2 on Monday.

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Alexis Peck hits an iron shot during Monday's Grayling Invitational at the Grayling Country Club.



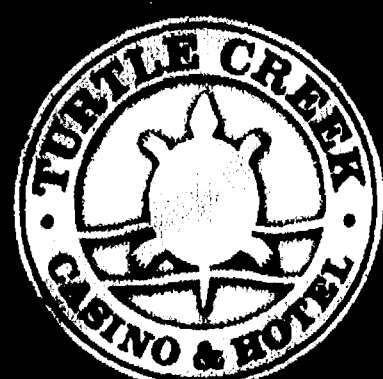
Andrea Willobee putts on Monday morning.

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GOOD TIME

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drove the ball 59 yards on seven plays and finished the series with a five-yard TD run by Tyler Hanson on 1st and goal. The two-point conversion attempt failed. GHS led 46-13 with 2:42 left in the game.

Grayling won 46-13.

Osga set a new school record for passing yardage in one game. He finished the contest with 348 yards and three TDs. Steffey caught five passes for 118 yards and one TD. Bindschatel had three catches for 78 yards and one TD. Spencer Dean, who broke his collarbone during the game and will miss several weeks, caught two passes for 93 yards. Justin Farnsworth had six receptions for 63 yards. Myers caught three passes for 20 yards and one TD.

"We did an excellent job of executing our new offense against Roscommon this week. We went from being a 60 percent running team to being a 90 percent passing team. There is always a risk with putting the ball in the air, but Jimmy is a smart quarterback and he knows how to effectively lead a team," Coach Ben Brock said.

"In this new offense, designed by Coach Tim Sanchez, we put defenses in a bind with making them do something that they are not comfortable with. Jimmy Osga set the school record with 348 passing yards and three

touchdowns. Tyler Steffey had a tremendous game, using his size and leading us in receiving yards with 118 on five catches with one touchdown. Geo Bindschatel caught for 78 yards and had a receiving touchdown and a rushing touchdown. Cody Myers had our third receiving touchdown in the sophomore's first game on varsity. Jimmy and Tyler Hanson also had rushing touchdowns," Coach Brock said.

On defense, Dustin List had 11 tackles, 1 sack, and 1 fumble recovery for Grayling. Matt Haight had 9 tackles and 1 sack. Craig Gabriel had 8 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. Bindschatel had 6 tackles. Zach Wolcott had 5 tackles and 1 interception.

"Seniors Geo Bindschatel, Dustin List, Matt Haight, and Craig Gabriel led our defense. Sophomores Zach Wolcott and Ethan Lewis each intercepted a pass in their first varsity action," Coach Brock said. "Our seniors really showed a lot of leadership tonight and it will carry us for the entire season. They have put in a lot of time into this program and all that they want to do is win. They know that winners are remembered and losers are quickly forgotten. They are here to make their mark on Grayling football."

Grayling (1-0 overall, 0-0 league) will host the Houghton Lake Bobcats at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, the ladies league had a cool but beautiful ending for our golf season's President's Day.

The past presidents in attendance, but not active in our league anymore, were Edie Blaha, Sally McNamara and Kathy Olson. The past presidents that are still active are Sherry Hanson, Nancy Hoffman, Lynda Hetrick, Evie Kent, Kay Ellen King, Jeanette Kitchen, Mo McNamara and Sandy Winkle.

We started off our day with the decorating committee setting up the tables very simply with a small ivy plant on each table and a few blue asters at the head table. In tiny colored bags were five gold coins which was our little table gift. On this committee was Shelly Cohee, Marilyn Hartman, Donna Thomson, Aggie Trudgeon and Judy Williamson. Everything looked really nice which shows that many hands make the job much easier.

Next, Gloria Nielson was selling mulligans using painted markers that were so cute. Then each member drew a card to see who she would be playing with. It was a novel idea.

By 9:30 a.m. we all began play and we were done before noon. Upon our arrival back, there was a delightful array of hors d'oeuvres brought in by our golfers, which were truly

enjoyed.

JoAn Phillips, golf committee chairperson, announced the winners of our scrambles play today. There was a tie for first place with a 38 between the team of Lynda Hetrick, Gloria Nielson and Kathy Olson and the team of Juanita Brown, Shelly Cohee, Jeanette Kitchen and Aggie Trudgeon. There was also a prize for the team who came in last and that went to Ruth Burger, Diana Doremire and Nancy Glasslee with a 44.

Upon finishing that, Nancy Hoffman said the invocation before our lunch. Today we had a buffet of soup and sandwiches with assorted lunchmeats, chicken salad, tomatoes and three different salads to choose from. After that, quite a few of our golfers, who are also great bakers, supplied us with some excellent desserts. Maybe next year we should resurrect the potlucks once in a while. I love trying some of the new treats. If anyone left hungry, it was their own fault.

When we were finished with that, JoAn Phillips, Diana Doremire and Lynda Hetrick passed out the following awards. Pins were given to those who had birdies this year, and they were Ruth Burger, Shelly Cohee, Marilyn Hartman, Jeanette Kitchen and Sandy Winkle.

Prizes were given to those who has the lowest net score for this year and in Flight A, Jeanette Kitchen had a 29, in

Flight B, Kay Ellen King had a 30 and in Flight C, Retalou Tobin had a 32.

Then, for the lowest gross, in Flight A, Jeanette Kitchen had a 41, in Flight B, Nancy Glasslee had a 49 and in Flight C, Retalou Tobin had a 52.

Golfers taking the most points this year. In Flight A, first place went to Jeanette Kitchen and second place went to Lynda Hetrick. In Flight B, first place went to Nancy Glasslee and second place went to Juanita Brown. In Flight C, first place went to Evie Kent and second place went to Aggie Trudgeon. And last, but not least, the prizes for the most improved were, in Flight A, Sandy Winkle, in Flight B, Nancy Glasslee and in Flight C, Ann Latusek.

President Nancy Glasslee announced our board for next year, and they are president Kay Ellen King, secretary Juanita Brown and treasurer Mickey Perez. The others joining them are Rhea Gierke, Nancy Glasslee, Evie Kent and Judy Williamson. Our golf committee for next year is Diana Doremire, Lynda Hetrick and Gloria Nielson.

President Nancy then thanked our wait staff and kitchen crew for all that they do to make our Wednesday's most enjoyable and she also thanked all who in any way made this day such a special one.

Incoming president, Kay Ellen King, then presented

Nancy Glasslee with a gift certificate and she received a big round of applause for all she has done as president for the past two years.

Jeanette Kitchen then asked to address our group regarding the upcoming 2nd Annual "Irv McIsaac Open" to be held on Sept. 13. Last year's outing was a great success and hopefully we can all get a foursome together ASAP. The children in the community are the ones who benefit from this, so let's all step up to the plate like we usually do and make this a true Grayling experience.

Evie Kent then held our raffle of gifts and table decorations, and, needless to say, there were a lot of smiling faces as they left.

Now to the ending part of this column. We started off our season with some pretty awful cold and rainy days but, after a few weeks, our season got into full swing with just a few cool and cloudy days. All in all, we had a good year as there were new people to join us that were delightful and maybe more will join us after the most successful "guest day" we have had.

I will miss writing for all of you who take the time to read about friends, the golf course, the wildlife or for whatever reason you read this. If you have a cloudy day, you readers put the sunshine in my day, just by caring. I wish you all the best and until next May, that's all "fore" now.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CRAWFORD COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT -
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 08-7464-NC
In the matter of LOGAN DALE CHISHOLM, minor

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. at Crawford County Probate Court before Judge Monte J. Burmeister P48732, for the following purpose:
Petition to Change Name

8/15/08
Michelle L. Zupko
594 Larson Court
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-391-5094

-28-4-11

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7469-DE
Estate of RAY EDWARD BOWERS
AKA RAY E. BOWERS, DECEASED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RAY EDWARD BOWERS AKA RAY E. BOWERS, who lived at 3502 ONTARIO DRIVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738 died 07/20/2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dale R. Bowers, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 8-17-08

Attorney
David R. Sabin P19822
115 E. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5588

Personal representative
Dale R. Bowers
74820 Spencer
Armad, MI 48008

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP AUGUST 11, 2008 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little, Summers and Hartman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.
Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Firechief.

Correspondence:
3 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding a roll off container at the transfer site.

Discussion regarding S. Grayling Road right of way proposal.

New Business:

1. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to pay the AP bills. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to allow a resident of W. 7 Mile Road to bring into the transfer site debris picked up in the woods.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2008

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were the Code of Ordinances, Possible Senior Center sites, the retirement of Police Officer DeVries, the Annual Governmental Forum, and the Audit.

Approval to grant a 20' easement to DTE / MICH CON for under the AuSable River City Park.

Approval of the Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits for the Administrative Non-Union #11 Division providing a \$55/30 in a window period of September 1, 2008 through October 30, 2008.

Approval to certify the election results by the employees electing their delegate and alternate to the MERS Annual Meeting.

Approval to nominate Roger Moshier as the voting delegate to the MML Annual Meeting.

Approval to adopt the resolution to accept the participating costs of the I-75 BL

rebuild set for 2009.

Approval to authorize the repair of 2 DPW vehicles and amend the Capital Equipment Expense line items.

Approval to schedule a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2008 to adopt the Code of Ordinances.

Approval to adopt amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the Sign Ordinance.

Approval to withdraw the countersuit in Mason v The City of Grayling hence, settling the case.

Approval to have the City Manager send a letter to let the Grayling Charter Township Supervisor to let them know that the 2009 Agreement is still available as presented and to accept their invitation to have a meeting for discussion of the agreement, not re-negotiation of the agreement.

Review of Reports

NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD 8888 S. GRAYLING ROAD GRAYLING, MI 49738 989 275-8878 FAX 989 275-9965

PUBLIC BODY: BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD

PLACE OF MEETINGS: 8888 S. GRAYLING ROAD, GRAYLING, MI

DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 PM

PURPOSE OF MEETING: THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008. THIS HAS BEEN DONE TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE 3RD ANNUAL CRAWFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL FORUM TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 AT OUR PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER.

SHARON K. HARTMAN, CLERK

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Steven L. Reesor, Real Estate Broker, (517) 927-6436

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our website:
www.cityofgrayling.org

CITY OF GRAYLING CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE, #04-01

The City of Grayling Ordains:

Section 9 - Permitted signs in the C-1 District
1. Amend section 9 by adding the following subsection 7:

(7) In lieu of a freestanding sign, a sign may be attached to an independent standing canopy as long as no part of the sign or support structure extends over the property line, that the bottom of the sign is a minimum of ten feet from the ground or sidewalk level, that the total square footage is 30 SF or less, and that any illumination does not present a safety issue with a passing motorist.

This amending ordinance was adopted by City Council on August 25, 2008. These amendments go into effect ten days after publication of this notice. A certified copy of the ordinance is available for review in the City Clerk's office at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Grayling will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall to discuss and receive public input on:

The adoption of the Code of Ordinances

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk
City of Grayling
1020 City Boulevard / P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet G. Varney-Small, a married woman and David Small, a married man, Mortgages, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of July, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 2003 in Liber 654 of Crawford County Records, page 19, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight & 01/100 (\$53,548.01), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of October, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Riverside Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 9/4/2008
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee
-4-11-18-25

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Daniel M. Logan and Joanne M. Logan, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee, dated March 3, 2005 and recorded March 10, 2005 in Liber 674 Page 151 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Eleven Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$149,011.99) including interest at 8.1% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on October 1, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B; part of the Southeast one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning at a point located distant north 88 degrees 36 minutes west, along the east and west one quarter line of said section 19 a distance of 1308.07 feet

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Grayling Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall to receive public input on a Special Use Permit:

603 Rose Street (20-070-200-011-010-00) Request for a Special Use Permit for in home sausage and related meat manufacturing.

Written comments will be received by the City Clerk until September 12, 2008.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact The Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk
City of Grayling
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Grayling, MI 49738

and north 00 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds east, 330.00 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, thence continuing north 00 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds east, 250.00 feet thence south 88 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds east, 566.02 feet, thence south 08 degrees 07 minutes west, 90.88 feet, thence south 16 degrees 53 minutes west 164.48 feet, thence north 88 degrees 36 minutes west, 507.39 feet to the point of beginning. Along with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities. Centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the east line of said section 19 located north 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds east, 407.05 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, located north 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds east, 407.05 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, thence north 51 degrees 00 minutes west, 186.75 feet thence north 83 degrees 37 minutes west, 125.0 feet, thence north 72 degrees 22 minutes west, 136.66 feet, thence south 53 degrees 49 minutes west, 97.0 feet, thence north 87 degrees 28 minutes west, 256.68 feet, thence north 08 degrees 07 minutes east, 181.20 feet, thence north 33 degrees 59 minutes east, 377.93 feet, thence north 53 degrees 59 minutes east, 389.43 feet, thence south 52 degrees 45 minutes east, 257.24 feet to the point of ending or the east line of said section 19. Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commonly known as 5144 Aaron Rd, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: AUGUST 20, 2008 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-96902 ASAP# 2860439 08/28/2008, 09/04/2008, 09/11/2008, 09/18/2008

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Great North Investments of Grayling, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, dated July 18, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 2, 2005, in Liber 676, Page(s) 482, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$723,492.59, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Great North Investments of Grayling, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, together with interest at 7.90 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

UNITS NO. 67 AND 68, D & K CONDOMINIUM PHASE IV ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 676, PAGE 130, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CRAWFORD COUNTY CONDOMINIUM

SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 17, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation,

By: H. DOUGLAS SHEPHERD IV (P64560)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: August 11, 2008

14-21-28-4

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Great North Investments of Grayling, LLC (a/k/a Great North Investments of Grayling, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company) to Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, dated October 27, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on November 9, 2005, in Liber 678, Page(s) 382, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$723,492.59, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Great North Investments of Grayling, LLC (a/k/a Great North Investments of Grayling, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company) to Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, together with interest at 7.90 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT NO. 1, D & K CONDOMINIUM PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 629, PAGE 106, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CRAWFORD COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 12, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

UNITS NO. 2, 21, 23, 25, D & K CONDOMINIUM PHASE II, ACCORDING

TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 643, PAGE 279, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CRAWFORD COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 13, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

EXCEPTING UNIT NO. 21, D & K CONDOMINIUM PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 643, PAGE 279, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CRAWFORD COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 13, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

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Dated: August 11, 2008

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jo L. Knitter and Kevin Knitter, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2006, and recorded on May 17, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 548, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Seven And 21/100 Dollars (\$160,407.21), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 8, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 132, Northern Heights, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 27 of Plats.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 4, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #219252F01

-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian J. Naumiec and wife Karie Naumiec, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2001, and recorded on August 7, 2001 in Liber 547 on Page 351, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven And 69/100 Dollars (\$106,727.69), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 8, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel F-6D: Part of the Northeast One-Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 18, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, described as commencing at the North One-Quarter (N 1/4) corner of said Section 18; thence South 01 degree 15 minutes 25 seconds West 1346.49 feet along the North and South One-Quarter line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 01 seconds East 659.74 feet; thence South 01 degree 12 minutes 15 seconds West 333.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 03 seconds West 660.04 feet (recorded as South 89 degrees 48 minutes 25 seconds West 660.0 feet) to the North and South One-Quarter line of said Section; thence North 01 degree 19 minutes 25 seconds East 333.00 feet along said line to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying 33 feet each side of line described as: Beginning at the center of Section 18, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 01 degree 15 minutes 25 seconds (along the North and South One-Quarter line) 1987.80 feet; thence Northeastly along a 11592.16 foot radius curve to the left 398.17 feet; (long chord is North 33 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds East 398.11 feet); thence North 33 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds East 268.51 feet to the point of ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 4, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #218220F01

-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Henry Cronk and Lana Joyce Cronk, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2005, and recorded on March 11, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 175, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight And 13/100 Dollars (\$73,178.13), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 8, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 35, Ber-Mar Woods Plat No. 1, as recorded in Liber 3 of Page 1, Crawford County Register of Deeds, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 34, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 4, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #218805F01

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NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

A Public Hearing will be held at the Lovells Township Hall on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of determining the special assessment for fiscal year 2009-2010 for operation of the Fire Department.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

CITY OF GRAYLING CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

The City of Grayling Ordains:

Article VI - Schedule of Dimensions

1. C-2 Decrease the rear set back from 25' to 15'

Amend Footnote C by adding: "If the distance is less than forty feet (40), then placement of a six foot screening fence along the lot line is sufficient to cover the encroachment is required"

2. I Decrease front set back from 40' to 25'

This amending ordinance was adopted by City Council on August 25, 2008. These amendments go into effect ten days after publication of this notice. A certified copy of the ordinance is available for review in the City Clerk's office at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from licensed contractors for snow removal and de-icing at the M-TEC/University Center, 60 Livingston Blvd. in Gaylord for the annual contract period of October 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 (contract may be extended in the event inclement weather continues beyond April 30).

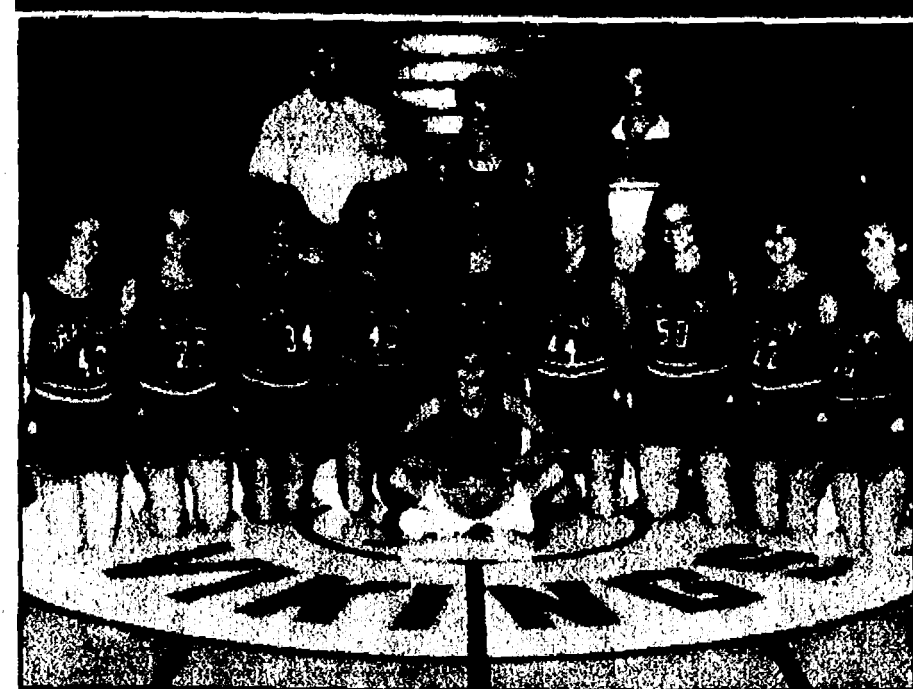
A mandatory pre-bid walk of the site and parking lot will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at 9:00 a.m.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, September 25, 2008 at which time they will be opened and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet which may be obtained in the facilities management office at 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of 30 days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management, 989-275-5000, ext. 249.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 5, 1985 - Looking to repeat a championship season are from L to R: (front row) Jennifer Ojala, Katherine Kraus, Rebecca Jones, Michelle Trudeau, Michelle Moore (in front), Shawn Denton, Kim Springer, Stephanie Hindmarsh, Jenni Branch, Dena Thayer; (back row) Tom Mills, Stacey Hinds, Dan Ullery.

23 Years Ago September 5, 1985

R & H Sports beat out 23 other teams Labor Day weekend to capture the 1985 state Class D softball championship held in Stanton. R & H Sports, of Grayling, won six straight games at the state finals and came from behind in the last game to win the championship.

A wild black bear wandered into Grayling last Thursday night, was chased by the police and apparently escaped into the

woods. A resident on Ogema and Chestnut Street called the police around 11 p.m. and reported a small black bear in his yard.

Linda Sprague, and her tracking dog Lex, helped the sheriff's department catch two suspects in a car theft on Aug. 27. Two Ohio guards, ages 24 and 25, were arrested for stealing an auto owned by a Kalkaska woman.

There isn't much doubt 1985 is going to start out as a rebuilding year for the Grayling Vikings football team. Only three starters

from last year's defensive and offensive squads returned and the team only has nine seniors. But the inexperience will be only half of the battle for Grayling this year. The Vikings only have 24 players on the varsity team.

The Grayling Women's Softball League first place team for the 1985 season is R & H Sports coached by John Rolfe. The team consists of Mary Goss, Lain Siwula, Barb Grant, Karen Bankert, Susan Anthony, Vicki Kimbrell, Shelly Wakefield, Barb Janis, Shelley Lovely, Susan Sajdak, Doris Anthony, Marie Harland, Shelly Kammer and Jane Smith.

46 Years Ago September 6, 1962

The A & W Root Beer Co., the world's largest drive-in chain, has awarded the A & W in Grayling its coveted Certificate of Merit.

Ted Visnaw of Grayling was among the many people who walked across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. This is the fifth year he has taken part in the walk. His time this year was one hour, six minutes and 40 seconds. Last year he made it in one hour, three minutes and 57 seconds. It was estimated that 4,000 people made the crossing this Labor Day.

Carl Hatfield, who attended summer school at Central Michigan University, is teaching at Beal City this year.

Miss Eunice Schreiber left Labor Day for Muskegon Heights to resume teaching after spending her summer at her home down

river. Her guest last week was her sister, Mrs. Andrew McGuire of Flint.

69 Years Ago September 7, 1939

Grayling schools opened with all teachers present. In an interview with Superintendent Gerald Poor, we learned that the enrollment this year eclipsed in number that of any former year. The enrollment in the south side grade school was 58, and 344 in the central school. In the upper six grades the enrollment was 291. The total enrollment on the first day was 635.

The Farmers and the Oldtimers Picnic Association held their annual picnic at the Beaver Creek Town Hall on Sept. 3, with a very large crowd in attendance. The picnic started at noon with a basket dinner, and after that, the Hardwoods and the Jackpines engaged in a softball game in which the Hardwoods won by a score of 18 - 8.

92 Years Ago September 7, 1916

J.D. Lake, proprietor of the City restaurant, is the first person in Grayling to purchase a new model Ford touring car.

Mrs. J.E. Crowley and Miss Nellie Shanahan spent the latter part of the week in Detroit and other cities purchasing their fall stock of millinery goods.

A much needed steam heating furnace is being installed in the Frederic school house under the supervision of C.S. Barber.

PUZZLES SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CLUB CHICKEN HASH

Ingredients:

1 1/2 lbs. skinless, boneless chicken breast
salt and pepper

1/4 lb. butter (1 stick)
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 1/2 cups white wine

1 1/2 lbs. grated Jarlsberg cheese
1/2 tsp. (fresh grated) nutmeg
baby spinach or wild rice (optional)

Directions: Season chicken lightly with salt and pepper. Grill or saute chicken breast. Cook until done; allow to cool, then dice. In saucepot, melt butter on low heat. Slowly whisk in flour and cook on low heat, stirring often. Slowly whisk in cream and wine to butter-flour mixture to ensure no lumps. Cook sauce over low heat, stirring often, 20 minutes. Whisk in cheese and nutmeg. Add additional salt and pepper, to taste. Remove from heat once cheese is melted. Fold in diced chicken. Top with more cheese and brown lightly under broiler.

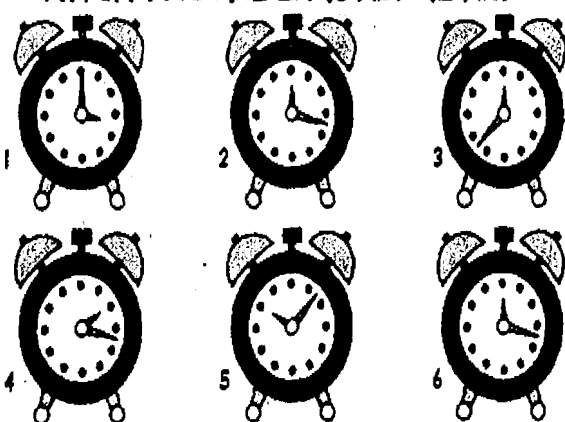
Serve with fresh wilted baby spinach (or arugula) and wild rice.

Makes 4 Servings



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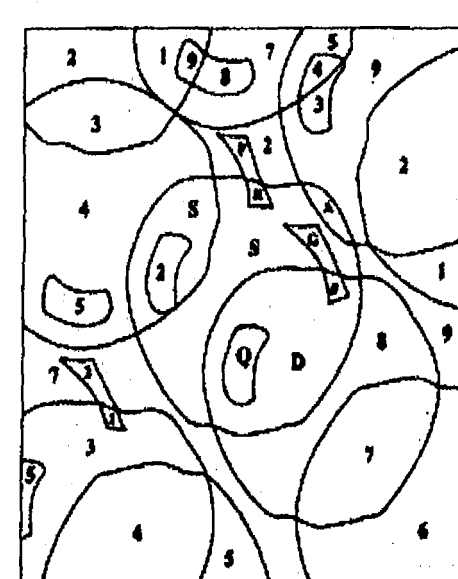
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Ramona is a great one year old mixed breed dog. She is friendly, affectionate, active and intelligent. This girl likes other dogs and has a lovely disposition.



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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

HOROSCOPES

For the week of September 4, 2008



Haste makes waste, Capricorn. Slow down your pace. The faster you attempt to work, the more mistakes you will make and the more time you will have to spend backtracking.



Social activities often prove to be torture for you, but not this time. You will be the life of the party, Aquarius, and your personality will shine. Enjoy!



Fortune smiles on you and a windfall comes your way. Follow your head, Pisces. While it is time to splurge on yourself now and then, this is not the time to do it.



Pish-posh, Aries. All of that worrying you've been doing lately has been for naught. You'll feel silly when you find out what everyone has been up to.



A youngster wreaks havoc at home, Taurus, and you must take the upper hand. The blooms of late summer inspire you to make a change in your appearance.



Little moments make for an excellent week, Gemini. Memories come flooding back at the opening of a box. Look for a way to reinvent the magic of those special times.



When push comes to shove, you have what it takes, Cancer. Use your can-do attitude to complete all that your supervisor asks of you and reap the rewards.



Worldly pleasures beckon. Don't give in, Leo, unless you can afford to do so. Time and money are precious these days. A health crisis passes. Celebrate with good friends.



A momentous occasion calls for some clever planning. Call up a friend who has been feeling lonely to help, Virgo. You will be surprised by their creativity.



Uh-uh-uh, Libra. Favor after favor is asked of you, and you must be choosy in what you agree to. Don't overestimate your time and make your family sacrifice.



A problem compounds, Scorpio, and you are forced to deal with it once and for all. Finances begin to look up with a recent trip. Efforts at work are not in vain.



Romance takes a back seat to work and that special someone begins to feel neglected, Sagittarius. A short trip might be just the trick to remind them of their importance.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
8/26	71	38	0						
8/27	76	38	0						
8/28	80	41	0	High 67	High 67	High 72	High 70	High 68	High 64
8/29	78	50	0.03	Low 43	Low 50	Low 47	Low 44	Low 44	Low 44
8/30	81	44	0						
8/31	82	48	0	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Scattered Showers
9/1	84	48	0						

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Many possibilities for this prime located property in downtown Grayling. Professional office space with room for 4 offices plus meeting room for retail. Newly remodeled in 2007 and wheelchair accessible. #5964 \$129,900

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Grayling

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

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2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

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FOR RENT 2 bedroom mobile home, clean and neat. \$400 per month, \$200 deposit, no pets. Call 348-4131. (-4-11-18/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEX Remodeled, drywall, laundry hook-up, snow plowing, etc. Nonsmokers please, \$495. 700 B Smith St. 348-2178. (8/21/08tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

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3. Employment

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM 1 bath house, non-smoking, no pets, washer and dryer hook up. \$450 per month plus utilities and deposit. 348-9116 or 941-650-7946. (8/28/2008tf/2)

SECLUDED Nice 3 bedroom home. Riverfront in Hartwick Pines off 93. \$850 per month. 248-388-2623. (-28-4/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

FOR RENT 4 bedroom, 2 car garage, stone house. New carpet, paint and large yard. \$600 per month, first, last, security. Located in Frederic. No pets. Call 989-348-5587. (-4/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Suitable for office, retail, or beauty shop, 840 sq. ft. 6251 M-72 west, Grayling. 348-4716. (7/24/08tf/2)

FOR RENT Option to buy, land contract. Manistee River, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage. 5587 Pine Bend Road. 150' frontage adjoins state land. \$650 monthly. Call Craig Hinkle at 348-7440. (7/31/08tf/2)

FOR RENT Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD On paved road, very clean, newly decorated home at 3373 Jones Lake Rd. Two bedroom, two full baths, newly carpeted, central a/c, four car garage, clubhouse / pool privileges. \$550 a month plus deposit and utilities. No smoking and no pets. Please call 989-348-7070. (-4/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabin #5 and #7, \$375, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. 11010 N. Old Us 27. 877-227-6976. No pets. (7/31/2008tf/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Kitchen appliances, propane fireplace insert and your own dock. No pets and no smoking. \$600 a month plus deposit (\$600). 348-2821 leave a message. (-28-4/2)

UPPER 3 BEDROOM APARTMENT For rent. Call AuSable Rentals, 348-2466. (09/04/08tf/2)

3. Employment

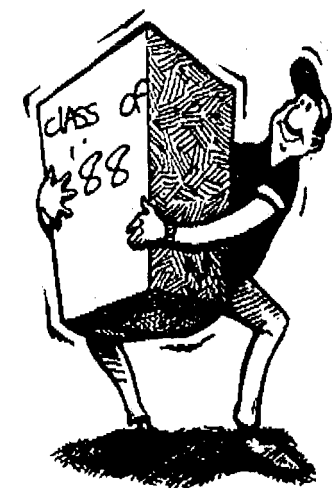
SALES CLERK Position is part time, Monday through Saturday. Job includes selling AT&T products, payday loans and other misc. office duties. Applicant must have computer skills, work well in a team setting and have customer service skills. This position pays an hourly rate plus commission if sales goals are met. Submit resume to ALL COM / Cash Fast, in person only, 2316 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. No other form of application will be accepted. (-4/3)

MEDICAL We are currently seeking someone to fill a clinical assistant position. The requirements include current LPN or Certified Medical Assistant license. Previous experience in a physician's office setting along with EMR experience is preferred. Must possess and outgoing personality, be detailed oriented and a team player for this busy family practice office. Please fax resume to 989-344-1284 or mail Attn: Practice Manager, 1010 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, MI 49738. (-4/3)

ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER

COORDINATOR Recruits volunteers and organizes activities for seniors at Grayling Senior Center. Benefits provided. Preferred candidate will have bachelor's degree in social services related field and two years experience. Excellent computer skills necessary. Application packets must be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, and returned by 5 p.m. on 9/15/08. (-28-4-11/3)

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Clean 1332 sq ft modular home with master suite and large living room with fireplace. Lots of large closets, includes kitchen appliances. Needs very little to make it a nice home. 5 miles east of Roscommon. #5977 \$36,900

4 bedrooms, 2 bath home in Frederic. Nice yard with swimming pool. Basement, great starter home...with lots of space. Large wood stove in basement that is circulated through forced air. #5778 \$59,900

Charming 3 bed 2 bath home on 10 acres of fabulous hardwoods. 30 x 52 pole barn and 24 x 24 finished garage. Extensive decking and landscaping. Screened porch and covered deck. Quiet country rd. just 1000 feet from the groomed snowmobile trail. #5993 \$137,500

Crispy clean & like new! Chalet home, built in 2001, offers a bright open interior with cathedral ceilings and a very pretty brick fireplace. Situated on a nicely wooded parcel, offering that up-north feel right down to the camp fire pit. #5905 \$87,900

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Country charmer. Custom built 3 bedroom 2 bath home. finished basement 2 car garage, sun room, multi level deck, large kitchen and dining area. Landscaped yard with a in ground sprinkler system. Located on 10 acres close to AuSable River and thousands of acres of state land a must see. #5991 \$169,000

Immaculate Mobile Home on large lot in Grayling Mobile Estates. Home features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new carpet, new roof, new appliances, and some new windows. Covered porch, 2 car garage and concrete driveway. #6013 \$46,000

It's all here; Large 3-4 bedroom home with 2.5 baths, master suite with jet tub and separate shower, huge family room with gas log fireplace, 30x48 pole barn and 20x24 insulated shop and so much more. #5842 \$160,000

COMMERCIAL
Great opportunity to own your own business in a central hub of hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. 55 seat restaurant with all fixtures and equipment and living quarters too. Very nice 6 unit motel on property with all beds, linens and supplies. 24x24 garage. #5951 \$229,900

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lakeb@trinity-health.org

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LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER Needed from November 2008 to June 2009. Grayling Middle School (7th grade) math/language arts classroom. Contact Jeff Branch, Principal at 989-344-3550. (-4-11/3)

3. Employment

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED Holy Cross Children's Services (HCCS) is looking for families in the Grayling area to join our team, providing safe, loving homes for children in infancy to age 18 years. As a team member of HCCS, you will receive weekly support services, compensation and ongoing training. If you are interested in sharing your heart and home in caring for children, please call 800-235-9664. (LR10/23/08/3)

DRIVERS NEEDED Must be 21 or older with clear driver record. Pay ranges from \$300 to \$800 weekly. Independent contractor/applicants must supply a full size or extended cargo van for their use. Work out of Grayling five days a week. Call 888-336-7205 after 10:00 a.m. (-28-4/3)

3. Employment

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

4. Services Offered

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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4. Services Offered

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

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4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

Crawford County Road Commission

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Sign Shop/Truck Driver

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Minimum requirements are graduation from High School or equivalent. Current Commercial Drivers License Class A, with air brakes with a good driving record. Job Descriptions can be obtained at the Road Commission office.

Employment application and/or Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. September 12, 2008 at the Road Commission office at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Crawford County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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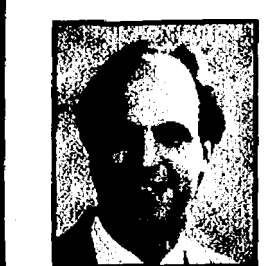
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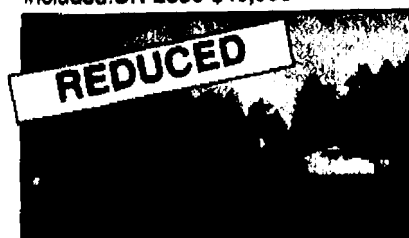


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5.8 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND ON 2 SIDES 2 b/r, 1 bath mobile with block addition. 620 s.f., with partial block basement. Built over roof. 2 1/2 car detached garage with heater and electric door opener. Well has new point in 2002. New pressure tank. Lots of wildlife in area. CH-2585 \$37,000



IDEAL STARTER HOME OR COTTAGE ON A BLACKTOP ROAD WITH BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS This maintenance free cottage has been completely renovated with ceramic tile flooring, vaulted knotty pine ceilings and recessed lighting. Washer & dryer negotiable and living room & dining room furniture included. Fire pit with benches for evening fires. Easy access off I-75, near Skyline Golf Course, state land and trails. CH-2662 \$64,900



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4. Services Offered

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5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR10/16/08/5)

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REFRIGERATORS Washers, dryers, gas range beautiful black and stainless steel with ice and water, plus an older black with ice and water. 348-0167 ask for Paul. (-4-11-18-25/5)

FOR SALE Approx. 400 pieces clean OSB trim off's 48 x 14 x 7/16. Good for projects or garage. Bring your trailer or truck, \$40. 989-348-1429. (-4/5)

8. Announcements

THE CITY OF GRAYLING

is seeking residents to serve on the following Commissions and Committees:

HOUSING COMMISSION - To oversee and provide policy guidance for the City's existing affordable housing programs and to assist in the development of future affordable housing opportunities.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - To oversee and provide policy guidance for our park system and recreational opportunities. Youth member of at least 16 years of age especially needed.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK
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5. For Sale

MAHOGANY Duncan Phyfe style drop-leaf table, excellent condition, 4 leaves, pads, seats 12. \$400. 989-344-9038. (-4/5)

MARTY'S FIREWOOD 989-390-3930. Oak firewood \$55 per face cord. Splitting, stacking, delivery available. Also buying standing dead or live timber. (-21-28-4-11/5)

FOR SALE 2003 Haulmark low hauler motorcycle trailer. 102" wide x 14' long, removable wheel chokes, mag spare tire, like new, \$4,750. 2006 H-D Heritage Softail, fire red pearl, custom gold leaf tank, hard leather saddlebags, radio, quick detachable windshield, gold flame engine covers, screamin eagle stage 1. 5,200 miles, showroom condition, \$24,000 new, asking \$17,500. Also 2005 Polaris 700EFI Sportsman 4x4, removable windshield, back tool box and gun scabbard, 4,000 lb. winch and snowplow. Has less than 200 miles on it, perfect condition, \$6,000. All items have been meticulously maintained. Call 989-390-1490. (-28-4-11/5)

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8. Announcements

5. For Sale

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6. Wanted

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GOT TIME On your hands? Volunteering is a rewarding contribution. Our seniors need your talents and friendship. Call today about volunteer opportunities. Call 348-2801, or stop in at 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. Grayling Nursing and Rehab, the place to be. (-28-4/6)

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7. Miscellaneous

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LOST 2 CATS 6/14 Taken from Livonia on 6/14 or 6/15, by grandmother of 7 year old Sara or Sara K., who may have cancer and lives in Grayling area. Would any family member or friend please call us. We want Cody (8), blk/white long hair and Hunter (2) orange, back in Livonia. We love and miss them and will not stop looking. We will buy Sara her own pet for the safe return of Cody and Hunter. Reward. 734-425-7444 or 734-765-5233. (-28-4/7)

9. Personals

Happy 1st Birthday
Cali D'Amour
Love Nana & Papa D'Amour
& Nana & Papa Wolcott

Happy 1st Birthday
Cali Jean
We Love you...
Mommy, Daddy, Lexi, & Myke!

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IRS PUBLIC AUCTION SALE- September 9th, 2008. Vacant Commercial Land, 10 Acres in Grayling, Michigan on M-93 Hwy, for more information visit: www.irsauctions.gov

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7. Miscellaneous

LOST KEYS While walking around Grayling. Please contact 989-710-0277. (-28-4/7)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07/1/8)

SWISS STEAK DINNER Michelson Methodist Church, Thurs., September 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$8. Takeouts available. (-4-11/8)

HAVE A KNEE REPLACEMENT Planned? Consider us for your short terms rehab. Private rooms are available now. Call 989-348-2801. Grayling Nursing and Rehab. (-28-4/8)

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Folk Art Festival. Saturday, September 6th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wellington Farm, 6940 Military Road. Music, storytelling, crafters and artisans. Meet Michigan author Jerry Harju. For more information, call 348-5187. (-4/8)

HORSE TRAIL RIDE To benefit animal shelter. The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will host its first "Blazin' the Trails for Waggin' Tails" horse trail ride on Saturday, September 6. The entry fee is \$20 per person or \$10 for kids under the age of 12. The ride is about 20 miles long and will begin at 9 a.m. at the Four Mile Road Trail Camp. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. There will be drawings and a bonfire at 8 p.m. Bring your guitar and voice for songs around the fire. RSVP by calling the shelter at 348-4117. (-4/8)

WHAT TWO MEN Were partners in the City Livery Stable in 1884? Get your ticket for the Cemetery Walk on September 6 to meet these two men and their wives. (-4/8)

9. Personals

Happy Birthday
to
Bonnie Lange
Now HALF A
CENTURY OLD
-From Your Friends-

10. Garage Sale

YARD SALE Sheet sets, pillows, drill press, table saw, computer table, lamps, coffee table, kitchen table, boat and trailer and much more. North Country Lodge. Friday, September 5, and Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (-4/10)

GARAGE / YARD SALE 642 Headquarters Road, right off North Down. Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Adult clothing, shoes, furniture, computer, small appliances, kitchenware, fishing equipment, lawn decorations and lawn care attachments for your mower, etc. Too much more to mention. (-4/10)

RUMMAGE SALE Wednesday, September 10, at Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Many unique items. (-4/10)

MOVING SALE Everything must go. Household, antiques and sporting goods. Please call 350-5606 for private showing. (-21-28-4/10)

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ESTATE SALE September 5, 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Everything goes! Big screen TV, furniture, washer, dryer, log beds, log chest, log table set, snowblower, lawn mower. 1747 Ginger Quill, M-72 East to Wakeley Bridge, make a left, 1/3 mile to Ginger Quill, second house on right. (-4/10)

11. Automotive

10. Garage Sale

YARD SALE Saturday, September 6th, only, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1022 Little John. Washer, dryer and lots of misc. (-4/10)

5734 West 5 Mile Road, east of Oak Street. Saturday, August 6, and Sunday, August 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of everything. (-4/10)

BARN SALE Friday and Saturday. Name brand clothes, baby clothes, two trailers, motor home, gas range, refrigerator, camping stoves and lots of other stuff. May Lake Road in Frederic. 989-344-6093. (-4/10)

6342 ADKINSON In Karen Woods. Tools, electronics, furniture, snowboard, miscellaneous household items. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (-4/10)

GARAGE SALE September 5 and 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oak Road off 4 Mile Road, 2nd house on right. (-4/10)

11. Automotive

CAR DETAILING Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07/1/1)

CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05/1/1)

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